

but in this case the burden of proof would be on the Government. Why is there a difference?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I do not know.

Section 51 was agreed to.

Sections 52 to 65, inclusive, were agreed to.

On section 66, subsection 8—ballot boxes delivered free of postage:

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Those ballot boxes, I presume, would be absolutely distinct from the ones used in the advance polls, we come to later?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes; I understand they are not the same.

Section 66 was agreed to.

Sections 67 to 88, inclusive, were agreed to.

On section 89—election not avoided unless illegal practices by candidates, agents, etc:

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Why is that word "avoided" there?

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: It should be "voided."

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes; that is a typographical error.

Section 89 was agreed to.

Sections 90 to 99, inclusive, were agreed to.

On section 100—advance polls for railway employees, sailors and commercial travellers:

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Would my honourable friend give us some explanation of this now? For whom are these advance polls to be established?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I really could not give my honourable friend any information other than what appears in the clause?

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Has he no information at all other than is contained here?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No. I have not. The clause is not only lengthy, but explanatory. This seems to be entirely new.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: How is this worked out? How many days before the other polling are the advance polls established?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Three days?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Is the returning officer to proceed to establish these advance polls whether they are asked for by the candidates or not?

Hon. JAMES H. ROSS: There will be a notice in the Canada Gazette first.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: On page 118, in Schedule two, will be found information as to where the advance polls shall be held. The different points are named. It will be observed that the advance polls are established by statute.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: They are fixed in the Bill, are they?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes, under Schedule two.

Hon. JAMES H. ROSS: The places are mentioned there.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I see that subsection 3 provides:

(a) If a total of not less than fifty votes is polled at the advance polls held within any such place at the election which immediately preceded the amendment, he may strike off the name of that place; or,

(b) If he is advised and believes that a total of fifty votes will be polled at any place in case an advance poll is established there, he may add the name of that place.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes, and under subsection 4 the Chief Electoral Officer gives notice in the Canada Gazette of so doing.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: We have not time to read every clause. At one of those advance polls is the elector supposed to vote in the county in which the poll is held, or is his vote placed in an envelope which can be sent to his own county?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: His vote applies only in the electoral district to which he belongs; not in any other.

The Hon. the CHAIRMAN: Subsection 9 states pretty clearly the conditions for voting at advance polls.

Section 100 was agreed to.

Section 101 was agreed to.

Schedules 1, 2 and 3 were agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The Bill was reported without amendment.