

the Bill as he wishes. It will not save any time for the Government to prevent discussion on any clause we wish to refer to.

The **MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES**. My object is not to prevent a general discussion, but I think it would be better to confine our attention to the particular clause before the House. If there is any cognate clause afterwards we can discuss the whole matter. Our desire is to make progress.

Mr. **WALLACE**. Our only object is that the Bill should be a fair one, and we do not think it is a fair Bill as it stands now.

Mr. **TAYLOR**. I believe we all want a Bill that would be workable and as my hon. friend (Mr. Wallace) suggests, there are things in this Bill which are unworkable. I would suggest, for the purpose of saving time, that a special committee composed of two members from each of the provinces, should be appointed to consider this Bill, and possibly if that committee consider the Bill whatever amendment they propose the House would adopt the suggestions. If we continue to discuss it in this House as we are doing now, the chances are that the Bill will take several weeks to get through.

Sir **CHARLES TUPPER**. I hope it will not. After what the Minister of Marine has said, and it entirely agrees with what has fallen from the Solicitor General (Mr. Fitzpatrick), who has charge of the Bill, I think it would be well for us, after the very full discussion we have had, to go on until we come to a clause on which we think an amendment desirable. I trust, Mr. Chairman, that there will be a reasonable disposition on the other side of the House to agree to any well considered amendment. If my hon. friends will support that, I think it will be the best course to adopt.

Some hon. **MEMBERS**. Hear, hear.

On section 2,

This Act shall not apply to the North-west Territories.

Mr. **TAYLOR**. Why?

Sir **CHARLES TUPPER**. We must ask the Solicitor General to explain that.

The **SOLICITOR GENERAL**. Because we have a special statute in the North-west Territories. There is no municipal organization in the Territories to enable us to apply this law.

Mr. **CLANCY**. There are some places in the province of Ontario in which there is no municipal organization, and if your logic is good in one place it ought to be good in another.

Mr. **BERGERON**. There is none in Prince Edward Island.

The **SOLICITOR GENERAL**. Oh, yes, there is.

Mr. **BERGERON**. No.

The **SOLICITOR GENERAL**. There is municipal organization in Charlottetown and Summerside. There is a special provision under the law of Prince Edward Island which covers the matter.

Mr. **MACDONALD (P.E.I.)** Where do you find the law in the province of Prince Edward Island?

The **SOLICITOR GENERAL**. I quite admit that there are no election lists in the province of Prince Edward Island, but there is machinery to elect local members to the House.

Mr. **POWELL**. Their methods of conducting an election do not apply in this case.

The **SOLICITOR GENERAL**. I beg your pardon, there is no franchise law which can be independent of the election law.

Mr. **POWELL**. There is no parallel between the franchise law in Prince Edward Island and the North-west Territories. Every man who is a resident of Prince Edward Island can vote; and why not let the law in the North-west Territories be the same.

The **SOLICITOR GENERAL**. There is a special Act which provides for the election of members for the House of Commons in the North-west Territories.

On section 3, subsection "d,"

(d.) The expression "voters' list," or "list of voters," includes, when provincial lists are referred to, any poll-book or official list of persons entitled to vote at a provincial election.

The **SOLICITOR GENERAL**. I move to strike out the words "poll-book or" in the second line. It does not appear to me that there is any necessity for these words.

Mr. **BENNETT**. Are we then to understand that in the province of Ontario we must have the printed voters' lists, with the changes which have been made marked on it—interlineations, and lines struck off?

The **SOLICITOR GENERAL**. I am afraid that we shall have to take the same voters' lists as they use in the provincial elections. That is the principle of the Bill. If my hon. friend will read that paragraph, he will see that the words "poll-book or" are surplusage. They do not appear to me to add anything to the paragraph. I cannot imagine a case, so far as my knowledge of the provincial law goes, in which these words would be of any use.

Mr. **POWELL**. And they might do harm.

Mr. **BENNETT**. The hon. Solicitor General may not understand the working of the Ontario law. This afternoon I asked if the list which would be placed in the hands of the deputy would be the printed list as it came from the judge, with names struck out and names added, and I understood him