

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: I am going to answer the question. Some men are so small that they cannot understand a man being actuated by a high and noble motive. They are always looking for something sordid, because their natures and their lives are so sordid. While I am a member of this Senate I am receiving no pay whatever from the military authorities. That is my answer to my honourable friend.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I rise to a point of order. The honourable gentleman (Hon. Mr. King) had the floor. He has it now. We cannot have two speakers at one time.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: He asked a question and I answered it.

The Hon. the CHAIRMAN: Order, order. The honourable gentleman from Queens (Hon. Mr. King) had better proceed with his speech and not make personal remarks.

Hon. Mr. KING: Mr. Chairman, I think that this is bad legislation. I do not impute to honourable gentlemen on the other side of the House any desire to take advantage of this legislation. I am quite sure that with my experience, which I will not refer to—I was cheated out of four elections—I could deal with this Bill to-night, but I do not propose to do so. I had hoped that on a question of this kind there would be some honourable gentlemen, one or two or three, who would have seen the fairness of amending this Bill so that men who do not belong to Canada, men who have never seen Canada, men who never expect to see Canada, should have some place assigned to them to vote, so that their votes will not be spread broadcast wherever they may be expected to defeat a Liberal candidate. My honourable friend from Kings (Hon. Mr. Fowler) is in a position to cultivate some of his friends on the other side and thus defeat the Liberal candidate in the county which he has represented for a long time. I am not saying that he did not represent it fairly, but I know that he will turn every effort in that direction. It is not fair to take advantage of this provision in that way. I have already stated where I stood on the question of conscription; but if I had known the character of the legislation which the Government was going to attempt to railroad through both Houses since that vote was taken, I would have opposed conscription.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order, order.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL: That question is not before the House.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK.

Hon. Mr. KING: I am not in the habit of speaking, as may be judged from the way in which I have expressed myself to-night, but at the same time I know what I want to say, and, Mr. Chairman, if I do not comply with what you think is right, I am willing to withdraw. Let me point out the effect that this Bill will have. Right alongside of me sits a gentleman from Prince Edward Island (Hon. Mr. Yeo). There are four seats in Prince Edward Island, and the probability is that 50 votes would change the result of an election there and send four Conservatives straight to Parliament instead of the representation being half and half, as it has been of late years. There are men who would think there was no harm in collecting those votes for that purpose if they had the opportunity to do so. So far as I can see, the country is now scarcely worth saving. In view of the efforts which are being made I would not be at all surprised to see the Government returned. I would be very much surprised, however, to see them govern the country long after Parliament meets.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL: I merely want to ask the leader of the Opposition if he has thought of the effect of his motion if it is carried. 92,000 men joined battalions in Toronto in military district No. 2.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: They would not come under this clause.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL: If the honourable gentleman will have a little patience I will explain. I think I am quite capable of telling my own story; and if I do not tell it correctly I shall be very glad to hear from the honourable gentleman and his friends behind him. Among those 92,000 men who enlisted in that district there are thousands who come from different parts of the country. Some of them come from as far away as Texas. If this amendment were carried all these absentees who enlisted in Toronto would be herded together and would cast their vote in one district. The case I mention is stronger than that mentioned by the honourable gentleman from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. McMeans). It is much better to leave the Bill as it is unless you want not only to influence but to carry your riding. Apart from what I have already said, there are two or three thousand men who have enlisted in Toronto from