

Quebec depends the voting power of the rest of the Dominion. Under this Bill and under the Military Voters' Bill you introduce into the province of Quebec voters who are not residents and have no right or title in that province. Was not the honourable senator justified in calling the attention of the House and of Parliament and the country to that fact, and why was he hooted down vulgarly?

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: What else could you expect?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: If honourable gentlemen opposite have brains, let them use them otherwise than in hooting. Then he pointed out the fact that the effect of this Bill is to cease ipso facto with the termination of war and the signing of peace, what is to justify this Government or this Parliament saying that this war is going to last for five years more? If the war ends in six months or a year, this Act becomes obsolete and of no constitutional effect, and yet Parliament will sit for four years after the Act ceases to be effective. How are the representatives of the people to be elected when there is no Franchise Act in existence? I hold, with the honourable gentleman from Stadacona, that when this vicious, mischievous, nefarious Act ceases to be effective, Parliament should go out of office. There is no provision made for that. Where is the blame to the honourable senator from Stadacona in mentioning this fact? Honourable gentlemen, if you only knew what opinion I have of this House, you would not consider me very favourable to your views.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: They would eject you.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: When I talk here, it is not to honourable gentlemen on the other side; I talk to my fellow-citizens beyond the walls of this Chamber.

Hon. Mr. PLANTA: You talk to the gallery.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: The gallery is a good place. That is where the gods are, not down in the pit, where the millionaires flaunt their wealth. The gods are the people. Has the honourable ever talked to the gallery, or has he ever talked to the pit—either one or the other? The honourable gentleman hoots, that is all.

Honourable gentleman, I was prepared to let this Bill go, and I gave my word to the honourable gentleman from Hamilton that if he was able to induce his Government

to get into this Bill the proposition that he laid down this afternoon, I would swallow the Bill holus bolus. I have not the slightest doubt that my endorsement of the position taken by the honourable senator from Hamilton has brought about this happy ending of a miserable quarrel between party politicians. But when I find a body of men like the honourable gentlemen opposite trying to suppress free speech, trying to put down a man of the standing of the honourable senator from Stadacona, for forty-five years representing the people of this country in the House of Commons and in the Senate, and as Speaker, hooting him down simply because he happens to disagree with his party on one or two measures, I say it is a crying shame. Is that the way to treat men who have devoted their lives to legislation for this country and for the Conservative party? Simply because the honourable member in his heart and in his conscience cannot endorse one or two measures of the Government, the dead, decomposed Conservative Government, he is to be hooted down by his colleagues. Honourable gentlemen, you may stand for it, but let me tell you the people of the country will not stand for it, and when the people of the country read what has happened here to-night and find the scenes depicted in the press of the country and in our public documents, they will hold the Senate in supreme contempt, more contempt than they ever held it, and they will be justified. The idea of intelligent men, men of means, men of brains, especially the newly-appointed ones, good, sturdy, lively Tories, taking the position they have taken here during this debate, and especially to-night! I say that will not appeal to the people of the country, and your action here to-night will destroy the influence of Sir Robert Borden, whatever is left of it, in the country. I rose to-night in protest against this attempted effort, made by honourable gentlemen in this House, who ought to be impartial, and especially by the honourable leader of the Government, to suppress freedom of speech. God knows, it is bad enough to have it suppressed in the House of Commons by means of regulations and laws, but it is miserable and mean to my nature to have it suppressed by intelligent men. That is a thing that I cannot understand, and I fully advocate and endorse the principle and the statement made by the honourable member for Stadacona.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Choquette was negatived, on division.