

she must swear to being a British subject, and I believe people have been put on the list recently who may not be British subjects.

Mr. FACTOR: There is no objection to paragraph 1.

Mr. MacNICOL: And I can see no objection to clause 2. I believe it is quite necessary because I have been told by enumerators in Toronto—I do not know if the same condition exists elsewhere—that those who gave their names were not always asked if they had lived in the constituency three months or in Canada one year. If it is known that a voter has not been in a constituency in which he attempts to vote for a period of three months—

Mr. GRAY: All that should have been done at the revision.

Mr. MacNICOL: But in the present revision the enumerators named either by candidates or members may not have ascertained that.

Mr. GRAY: There has been a revision since the list was established.

Mr. MacNICOL: Yes, I know. I am trying to point out that ordinarily it is supposed that the registrar of electors has been making all the revisions. It is true that in my constituency the registrar sat at three different places and my information is that approximately 200 or more names were enrolled at those three offices at which the registrar of electors held his revision. While he did his job efficiently, there have been between three and four thousand other names added in my riding, which goes to show that over three thousand names were added by the enumerators appointed by the candidates or by the member. I am convinced that this is a very necessary form, and I cannot see any objection to it. I cannot see where it would do any harm. It would stop those who have not the right to vote.

Mr. GRAY: Mr. Chairman, may I call attention to the fact that it is now nearly a quarter past eleven o'clock? I think the Minister of Justice would be well advised to consider the representations that have been made from this side of the house.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Yes, I will consider them, but I think there is a great deal of force in what has been said on this side. These lists are prepared in the cities particularly by enumerators, and there are a lot of names on the lists of people who are not British subjects and are not twenty-one years of age.

The first clause is very essential in the oath; that is the one that I think is most important. However, I will consider it between now and to-morrow morning.

Mr. LAPOINTE: It is more to the requiring of a signature that I object than to the sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, because it will have the effect of jamming the polls.

Mr. BENNETT: Only three hundred under the new act.

Mr. LAPOINTE: There are some people who do not like to be sworn in when they come to register their vote. We have even thought of compulsory voting in this country, so I do not think we should put such obstacles and difficulties in the way of people who are bashful and do not like to have their vote challenged or to have to sign their names, especially illiterate people. I do not think it is right. I do not see what you can accomplish by it, because the man who goes there with fraudulent intent will not hesitate to sign if he is asked to sign. It is the honest people you are going to prevent from voting.

Section stands.

Progress reported.

It being fifteen minutes after eleven o'clock the house adjourned without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Friday, July 5, 1935

The house met at eleven o'clock.

B. C. RELIEF CAMP STRIKERS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. IAN MACKENZIE (Vancouver Centre): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence or to the Prime Minister—I am sorry I was not able to give notice of it—in response to telegrams that I have received this morning with respect to the movement of the men at Regina back to British Columbia. The question is this: Is the government prepared to cooperate with the government of the province of British Columbia to ensure that only those properly domiciled in British Columbia will be returned to that province? Also, will the Minister of National Defence take steps to see that those who were properly in the camps will not be returned to the city of Vancouver?

Hon. GROTE STIRLING (Minister of National Defence): I shall be very ready to take into consideration the request of the hon. member. It is a little difficult at the