

the boxes are sent to Canada, and after the recount.

Subsection 8 of section 12 was agreed to.

On subsection 10 of section 12—ballots, after counting, to be sent by commissioners to general returning officer at Ottawa:

Hon. Mr. POWER: The honourable the leader of the Government said there was a provision that the ballot-boxes which had been tampered with would be forwarded to Canada. That provision would naturally come under subsection 10.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Will my honourable friend look at clause e of subsection 10? It says: "Any other documents—"

Hon. Mr. POWER: A ballot-box would not be a document.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The contents would be.

Subsection 10 of section 12 was agreed to.

On section 13—duty of every returning officer, under Part III, to send certificate, ballots, etc., to general returning officer:

Hon. Mr. POWER: The committee have already made one or two slight amendments to this Bill. Therefore I think the leader of the House will probably be willing to accept any suggestion which would really be an improvement. Commencing at line 22, this section says:

—the report required by section 213 of Part III, and after the sixth day after he has made such final additions, transmit to the general returning officer—

Would it not be well to insert the word "immediately" before the word "after," because "after" might mean six months after?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I have no objection to that, although this is the language of the Elections Act.

Hon. Mr. POWER: I move that the word "immediately" be inserted before the word "after" in the 23rd line.

The amendment was agreed to, and, section 13 as amended was agreed to.

On subsection 1 of section 15—final addition and recount by judge under this Part:

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: Is not four days too short a time? That is the number of days mentioned in the Dominion Elections Act, but in this case there has to be communication with the other side. Why not say six or eight days?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Under subsection 2 of the same clause authority is given to the judge if application is made, to extend the time.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: Yes, but application will have to be made. Those who are interested in a party here may want to make application.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: All those proceedings take place on the other side of the water.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: Those supervising the proceedings may not want to take on themselves the responsibility of asking for a recount.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: This is a rather extraordinary proceeding in the case of the ballot-boxes being lost in transit to Canada. If it is thought advisable to have a recount, they will exercise their own discretion. I am afraid the time would be very short for that.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Do I understand that the boxes from France go first of all to the High Commissioner's office in London, and then from there to Canada?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: If it is desirable to have a recount on the other side, the ballot boxes would have to be sent from France to England, but only for that purpose.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: How will you count the votes if the soldiers die in the meanwhile?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: So long as the votes are recorded by living men they are good.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: It does not make any difference whether they die or not?

Hon. Mr. JAMES LOUGHEED: We would all be very sorry for that.

Section 15 was agreed to.

On Form B—certificate to be endorsed on the ballot envelopes:

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: What would occur within those twenty-eight days if there were a change of Government?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: We would simply have to recognize it with the Christian resignation that always characterizes the Conservative party.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: If a man says, "I vote for the Government," and there is a change of Government, what would happen?