

Mr. GUTHRIE: I move to amend schedule A to section thirty-two, by striking out from the first line of rule (3), on page seventeen of the Bill, the words "and additional registrar" which were added to this rule by a recent amendment.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I move to amend schedule B to section thirty-two by inserting at the end of rule (2) on page twenty-two of the Bill, after the words "to this Act" the following words:

The name of a married woman or a widow shall be entered in the index book under the first letter of the surname of her husband, or deceased husband respectively.

We put these words in for schedule A but not for schedule B.

Amendment agreed to.

On section 33—when new list of voters unnecessary:

Mr. GUTHRIE: I move to amend clause thirty-three by inserting in the second line of subclause (3) the words "and to the revising officers"; by inserting in the fourth line of subclause (3) the word "print"; by striking out from the last line of subclause (3) the word "rural" where it was inserted by a recent amendment before the word "registrar"; by striking out from the second line of subclause (4) the word "rural" where it was inserted by a recent amendment before the word "registrar" and by inserting in the third line of subclause (4) the words "or revising officer".

Amendment agreed to.

On section 63—name not on list, etc.:

Mr. GUTHRIE: I move to amend clause sixty-three by striking out in the fifth line of subclause two the words "or either of them" which are not required and which were added by mistake in a recent amendment.

Mr. GUTHRIE: That completes my amendment.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: If my hon. friend and the committee will agree to reopen section 10 I would like to suggest an amendment of which I spoke to my hon. friend some weeks ago.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I agree.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: It is an amendment respecting the publicity of funds used for political purposes. Section 5 of the Bill as it stands provides for the identification of the printers and publishers of

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election advertising. Section 10 provides that companies are not to contribute for election purposes, and makes it an offence for any company to

"loan, advance, pay, or promise or offer to pay any money or its equivalent to, or for, or in aid of, any candidate at an election, or to, or for, or in aid of, any political party, committee, or association, or to or for, or in aid of, any company incorporated for political purposes, or to, or for, or in furtherance of, any political purpose whatever, or for the indemnification or reimbursement of any person for moneys so used."

Section 76 of the Act, regarding election expenses provides that no payment is to be made except through an official agent who must account for and publish all contributions that have been made by different parties toward the expenses of any candidate. Now I think these sections read together clearly show that Parliament has in mind making public to as large an extent as possible contributions for the purpose of influencing the outcome of an election, but I am not sure that as construed in the past these sections have been interpreted to include advertisements or articles appearing in magazines, or other publications, such as newspapers which are paid for by private individuals or corporations, but which do not disclose on the face of them that they are paid for, and therefore are really in the nature of contributions for election purposes. The amendment therefore that I would like to suggest to section 10 is this. To amend section 10 of the Bill by providing that:

Every advertisement, article, notice, illustration or cartoon appearing in a newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, leaflet or other publication, and having reference to an election, if printed at the expense of any individual, firm, committee, association, society or corporation other than the individual, firm, committee, association, society or corporation which is the printer or publisher thereof, shall disclose that such advertisement, article, notice, illustration or cartoon is being paid for by such individual, firm, committee, association, society, or corporation and shall bear the name and address of the person or persons paying, or agreeing to pay, for the publication thereof.

Any person printing, publishing, or distributing any such advertisement, article, notice, illustration or cartoon, or causing any of such to be printed, published or distributed otherwise than is provided in this section is guilty of an offence against this Act punishable on summary conviction as in this Act provided, and if he is a candidate or the official agent of a candidate is further guilty of an illegal practice.

The House will see that if the section is interpreted in the loose way in which it has been in the past there is nothing in the Act to prevent "big interests"—shall I say? corrupting public opinion at the source