

Hon. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice): The proclamation establishing the tribunals was officially published in the Canada Gazette of September 12th, and I am producing a copy of the Gazette.

Sir SAM HUGHES: May I ask if copies will be placed in our postoffice boxes?

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY: I am laying it on the Table now.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I think the Official Gazette goes to each member of Parliament.

Sir SAM HUGHES: I understand so, but we never see it. It comes as a newspaper, and is usually thrown in the waste basket.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I am afraid we cannot force hon. gentlemen to read it.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: May I ask if this list is subject to amendment, or correction, or increase?

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY: Yes. If conditions should make it necessary it would have to be done. There is a provision in the statute to the effect that it may be done from time to time.

Mr. GRAHAM: The difficulty about the Gazette going to members is that it goes to our home address, and we are in Ottawa.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: You are expected to be at home by this time.

Mr. GRAHAM: But the fault is not ours. We have had business here.

Mr. DOHERTY: I will see if I can arrange to have special copies sent to hon. members.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: According to what has been published in the newspapers, there seems to be a serious deficiency in the establishment of these tribunals. For instance, it would appear that there were to be 165 tribunals established in the city of Montreal, but there is no indication as to their exact location. It would be somewhat different in the rural districts, for instance in the county of Montmorency, tribunals would be established at St. Anne de Beaupré, Chateau Richer, and so on. I presume this detail has not been looked into.

Mr. DOHERTY: In Montreal and, I think, the larger cities, the intention was that the particular location should be determined by the Registrar, after making inquiry to see what would best suit the con-

venience of everybody. It is not as easy to fix particular locations in a city as it would be in villages and towns. The intention was that the Registrar should make arrangements for suitable places, and then we would give special notice as to the exact locations.

Mr. GRAHAM: Will it be possible to have any corrections made? A gentleman called upon me last night and pointed out that he thought there was not a sufficient number of tribunals in his riding, as the distances were very great. I sent his suggestion to the Prime Minister this morning, but I should have sent it to the Minister of Justice.

Mr. DOHERTY: I have already stated in answer to the hon. member for Russell (Mr. Murphy) that if conditions show additional tribunals are required they will be provided. This can be done under the statute.

Mr. BUREAU: Might I ask the minister if the population has been taken into account in the establishment of these tribunals, and if so, how many thousands of population has been determined upon as being entitled to a tribunal?

Mr. DOHERTY: If my memory serves me correctly, it was estimated that there should be, generally speaking, a tribunal for about 7,500 of population. Of course, in the larger cities it would not be necessary to have as many as that would represent, because of the greater density of population and the greater facility with which people could reach the places established. I understand it was estimated that for every 7,500 of population the largest number of men who would be liable to this call would be about 500. Every one, I presume, will not ask for exemption and 500 ought to be the maximum of the possible cases which one tribunal would be called upon to deal with.

Sir SAM HUGHES: I understood that a tribunal, if they had a large population or area, could meet in one part of the tribunal area and then move to another without any higher authority intervening?

Mr. DOHERTY: They will have authority to move from one part to another where there is a sufficient gathering of people at different parts and where such movement will more effectually meet the general convenience.

Sir SAM HUGHES: That is, within their own area?