

licia who comes to this country. That seems to me to be a reasonable proposition. Honourable gentlemen should not always be watching for the joker in the pack. I am afraid that is what my honourable friends are thinking about. They should divest themselves of that idea. There is no intention of that kind on the part of this Government. The fault which I have to find with this Government is that it is too simple, too easy-going with its opponents. This Government is actuated by one desire, to win the war, and to do the right thing by those who are helping to win the war. We all want to do that. I think we should all try to do that. Do not give a qualified franchise to the men at the front, let our gift be full and free, and the new voter will cast his vote independently and honestly.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: I point out to the honourable the leader of the Opposition the utter absurdity of the amendment which he has proposed. Military district No. 12 extends from Port Arthur on the east to Regina on the west. The headquarters of that military district is in South Winnipeg, and as I understand the amendment, the whole thirty battalions in that district would vote in South Winnipeg.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: The headquarters of each regiment.

Hon. Mr. KING: It was not my intention to take part in this discussion. I have been forty years in politics, twenty years in the Senate, and I should have been in the House of Commons for the other twenty years if I had got fair play in my elections. I am surprised at the honourable gentleman (Hon. Mr. Fowler), who stepped out into the middle of the floor and talked as he has talked. I do not want to sail under false colours, and I am not going to. I want it to be understood from one end of my province to the other, and from one end of Canada to the other, that if I had been here I would have voted for conscription. My honourable friend Senator McSweeney and I went home. We paired. I was delayed in returning on account of a wash-out on the railway, and did not get back here in time to vote. Had a vote been taken on the third reading I would have voted in favour of conscription. I have sat in my seat and held my tongue, and what have I seen? I was not surprised at the vote on the Canadian Northern Railway Bill. I am not going to impute motives to any one. I did not expect anything better. The honourable gentleman from Kings (Hon. Mr. Fowler) has now the

honour of representing the county in which I was born and in which I lived for a few years. To-day that county is united with the county in which I now live. We are likely to have an election, and what is likely to happen? I do not want to impute any wrongdoing to the honourable gentleman from Kings (Hon. Mr. Fowler). He has been overseas; he says he has been at the front. I do not want to contradict him.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: You had better not.

Hon. Mr. KING: But I do not know.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: I do know.

Hon. Mr. KING: To-day I have four grandsons taking part in the war. One of them has been at the front for three years. His mother has seven daughters. This boy, an only son, has been fighting for three years—longer than my honourable friend—and at \$1.10 per day. What has my honourable friend been getting? Has he drawn his pay as a member of the House of Commons? Is he drawing pay to-day as a member of the Senate?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order.

The Hon. the CHAIRMAN: I must call the honourable gentleman to order.

Hon. Mr. KING: Call him to order as soon as you like.

The Hon. the CHAIRMAN: He has no right to make personal speeches.

Hon. Mr. KING: I am asking a question.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Will the honourable gentleman resume his seat and allow me to answer the question? I am surprised at the honourable gentleman, who says he comes from the same county that I come from, making this attack upon me. I do not know what I have done to invite it. I want to say to the honourable gentleman, who is so inquisitive with regard to my pay, that I sacrificed a very large professional income, a much larger income than I have received by reason of wearing a uniform. I abandoned large business interests in order to go and do my duty to this country. The honourable gentleman cannot understand that. There are certain men who are of so small a type that they cannot understand that.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order, order.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: I am making a general remark.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: The honourable gentleman was going to answer a question.