

with the fitness of things if the elector who has been deprived of his vote, whose name has not been placed upon the list, instead of receiving \$25, should have an opportunity of having his name placed upon the list. My hon. friend, I suppose, will agree to that?

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. The 'Telegram' newspaper cannot very well place him upon the list.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The 'Telegram' cannot place his name on the list, but this parliament can amend the law so as to give him his vote. Will the hon. gentleman agree to that? That is the proposition I have to make. The judge who is empowered to adjust the lists will be entrusted with the work of correcting all errors which may have been committed in the preparation of the lists in Manitoba.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. The right hon. gentleman says that the lists are now prepared by partisan officials of the provincial government. Does he refer to the registration clerks or the revising barristers?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. To the registration clerks.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. Will the right hon. gentleman point out some of the abuses committed by the registration clerks?

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. There is no use of making a declaration if you cannot prove it.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. My answer is simply this: If the lists upon which this House is to be elected are to be prepared by officers appointed by this government, would you call them partisan officials?

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. I would like to point out to the right hon. gentleman that the registration clerks do not prepare the lists; they accept the affidavits of the elector who makes application for personal registration. The registration clerk cannot put the elector's name on the list without an affidavit.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. It is simply another way of looking at the question. I will put the question again. It is a play upon words and nothing else. If this Bill becomes law and if the registration clerk is appointed by this government will my hon. friend be satisfied?

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. I will if you apply the same law to every province in the Dominion. We are not going to be singled out.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. We will not apply the same law to the other provinces of the Dominion, because in the province of Ontario and the other provinces the lists are prepared by the municipal officers.

Mr. LANCASTER. The lists are not prepared, where there is registration, by the municipal clerks, but they are prepared by the registration clerks.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. No, my hon. friend (Mr. Lancaster) is in error. I do not know the province of Ontario as well as he does, but in rural Ontario the lists are prepared by the municipal councils.

Mr. LANCASTER. There is no registration in rural Ontario.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. There is no registration in rural Ontario. In certain cities there is registration, but it is a drop in the bucket. There are only a few cities in which there is registration. In rural Ontario the lists are prepared by municipal councils.

Mr. LANCASTER. Where there is registration in Ontario the registration clerks are appointed by the provincial government.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Possibly. We do not touch them. My hon. friend does not find fault with that. But, I say this to my hon. friend from Marquette: He proposes that we shall apply the same principle everywhere, but I say that elsewhere the lists are prepared by the municipal authorities.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. The right hon. gentleman has not answered my question. Will he point out abuses committed by the registration clerks and unfairness towards their opponents.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I have only to refer my hon. friend to the speech of my hon. friend from Selkirk (Mr. Jackson), to the speech of my hon. friend from Portage la Prairie (Mr. Crawford) and to the speech of my hon. friend from Lisgar (Mr. Greenway). These are the evidences that I have. I have to say this to my hon. friend; he will take my suggestion for what it is worth, he will accept it or not accept it, but I think we shall have a fair basis upon which to prepare the lists for the election, without any suspicion on the part of anybody, if the lists are prepared altogether under judicial authority.

Now, Sir, I have said enough with respect to the province of Manitoba. I come now to the other provisions of the Bill. The Bill was prepared with an object and upon a general principle and that principle was that wherever there is no municipal registration or municipal preparation of the lists we shall entrust the preparation of the lists to the authority provided for by this Bill. I listened the other day to the speech of the hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) in so far as this provision related to Quebec. I must say that I listened to my hon. friend from Jacques Cartier with a mingled feeling of curiosity and pain. My