

Mr. GRAHAM: Yes.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: That is the opinion on both sides of the House. I am most anxious to give every opportunity for the reasonable discussion of the Bill, but we do not want to stay here any longer than is absolutely necessary for the purpose of affording that opportunity. I have had a good deal of regard for the intimations given to me by hon. gentlemen on both sides of this House to hurry up the business of the session and let us get away. I had that in view when I made the proposal to hon. gentlemen. We have had two days in committee on this Bill.

Mr. CARVELL: No, one day.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: One on the second reading and one in committee.

Mr. GRAHAM: That is not very much for a Bill of this kind.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: We have had two days on the Bill. When I proposed that we should have two days more in committee and one day for the third reading I thought it was a reasonable proposal, especially as I accompanied it with the statement that we would sit as late on those evenings as hon. gentlemen might desire, but no later.

Mr. NESBITT: If the right hon. gentleman will allow it to go as it is and then, if there is any sign of obstruction, and I personally have no intention to obstruct—

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: My hon. friend will see that if we should be driven to the expedient of a closure we could not apply it on Saturday night unless we sat until two o'clock on Sunday morning, which would be undesirable, and probably we would not be able to take the vote until Tuesday next. We know that hon. gentlemen are desirous of bringing the session to a conclusion, if possible, not later than the end of next week. I think that in this I am expressing the views of hon. gentlemen on both sides of the House. If we were to have any reasonable assurance that this could be accomplished I am sure I would not have any objection, but I understand that my hon. friends on the other side cannot presume to speak for the other House. I do not expect them to, but perhaps they might give their impression.

Mr. CARVELL: I cannot speak for the other House and I do not intend to try. I am only speaking for myself. I am not obstructing the Bill at all.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I do not claim that my hon. friend is obstructing.

Mr. CARVELL: I feel pretty seriously over this matter and pretty bitterly too.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I think my hon. friend's criticism has been reasonable.

Mr. CARVELL: The Government delay a measure of this importance until Parliament has been in session for seven months and then they come down and say: We must get through here next week. It means as much to me as to any other man in this House.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Would there be any objection to having the third reading on Saturday?

Mr. CARVELL: As far as I am concerned, I have no objection but I cannot bind anybody else.

Mr. BUREAU: I listened to the hon. member for Carleton (Mr. Carvell), and I understand that if closure is applied and if you put a question you have to sit down and cannot go any further. The first part of the Act as to enumerators is absolutely new in the province of Quebec.

I have been watching my chance to ask the Secretary of State what qualification this enumerator would require to possess, whether he would require to be resident of the particular polling subdivision, or the particular municipality wherein the alien resided. There is a lot of information which we have not got. We know nothing about the work of these enumerators, and I think it would be unfair if we did not have a chance to ask questions and get the information. We would like to have it, because we want to be prepared to meet this enumerator when he is appointed.

Mr. DEVLIN: Would the Secretary of State answer the question asked by the hon. member for Three Rivers (Mr. Bureau)? It is a matter which interests the province?

Mr. MEIGHEN: There is no examination or educational test, but the returning officer selects him as a man capable and available. I think the difficulty will be to get men available, but they will have to be got.

Mr. DEVLIN: Will it be the returning officer who makes the selection?

Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes, that is the way it is done.

Mr. DEVLIN: The Bill does not say that. It says that the Governor in Council—