

of Parliament, have not all the information we should have. If it were given to us the people all over the country would feel confident that we at least knew what was going on and were doing our best to help make a success of the Government's war policy. I plead with the honourable leader to let us have the rules and regulations by nine o'clock to-night, or, should that not be possible, tomorrow. If the Government finds later on that some changes are necessary, I shall not criticize it for that. It is only human to make errors. In the event that the regulations cannot be made public, then give them to us in private, so that when we go home we shall have basic information upon which to advise our people.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: If the regulations are given to us in private, how shall we be able to tell our people about them?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think my honourable friend from Winnipeg South-Centre (Hon. Mr. Haig) already has obtained considerable information from the statement made in the other House by the Minister of National Defence.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: That has nothing at all to do with the regulations. I will tell the honourable leader what I have in mind. I have information to the effect that the tribunals, which last time were chosen in the fairest way the human mind could devise, are to be selected this time solely by the Minister on the authority of the Governor in Council. In every case where a judge can be found, one member will be a judge, and the other two will be nominated by the Minister. I know what will happen if that is the fact, and I should like to be told whether it is or not.

Hon. Mr. COPP: Do I understand the statement is that two members will be selected by the Minister?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: By the Governor in Council. Just imagine!

May I make a little remark on the side? I am not at all questioning the intentions of the honourable member from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock). One person very close to me is mobilized, and the best information I can get from the Department of Defence is that his regiment is to be in the Second Division. He is still here. So they are not all over in England yet.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I am not in charge of the organization of these regiments. The Minister of National Defence is advised by military men of high standing, with whose

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records we are familiar. He is not new to his post, for he occupied it before, some years ago, and is well qualified to study the advice given to him and to make decisions. Because of my knowledge of the men who are directing our military efforts I have a feeling of security, and am confident that the right things are being done.

My right honourable friend is asking about the organization of tribunals?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: That is one of the items.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: He suggests that each tribunal, though headed by a judge, will have two other members, appointed by a Minister whom he does not like very much, and he says, "Just imagine!" Well, the organization that will be set up all over this country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, will be a pretty large affair, no merely parochial body, and I take it for granted that the men having the responsibility for that organization will naturally keep the standard up to a high level. How does my right honourable friend want these tribunals organized, if not under the supervision of the Governor in Council?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: How was it done last time? A joint resolution was passed by the Senate and the House of Commons appointing a committee of selection, on which the parties were equally represented, and whose duty it was to name one member of each tribunal. The other member was chosen by the local judge. In that way any possibility of partisan influence was done away with. If the Government had attempted to nominate the tribunals, Parliament would not have been prorogued until the war ended.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I am not making any comparison between what was done in 1917 and what is to be done now. I have no doubt whatever that the work will be conducted in such a way as to meet with general approval in each district where a tribunal functions.

My right honourable friend has been speaking of two things. First, of the registration which will be in progress from the 19th to the 21st of this month. That registration is for the manhood of the country.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: And the womanhood.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes. But it will have very little to do with the levies which will be made for military purposes. From that registration will be rapidly gathered information as to how many men aged 20, 21, and so forth, are available. From those men the Minister of National Defence will