

follow his father's example. I wish to tell you that his mother is not worrying about votes. She is knitting, working for him and other boys, most of her time when she is awake and dreaming about him when she is asleep. She has troubles enough without worrying about politics or about how the vote will go, and I think it is heaping injustice on the women of this country to ask them to take a part in politics. They have troubles enough at this time without being called upon to take part in the political struggles of this country. However, I have no objection to the mothers, sisters, daughters or other womenkind of soldiers having a vote. But I say it is an injustice, and I think you will reap the reward of your injustice when the time comes—I am not worrying about this thing—it is unjust and unreasonable and a blot on the fair name of Canada, to send agents to foreign countries and invite men to come to this country and settle, promising them that they will have the right of citizenship and enjoy all the privileges of British subjects, and at this particular time, when the Government is heaping on all kinds of taxes, and our taxation is only beginning, and although we place this burden on these men not allow them to have anything to say as to how the money shall be spent. It is the fact that this Government feel down in the bottom of their heart and their soul that they have not the confidence of the people of this country that they are placing this unfair, unjust and disgraceful legislation on the statute-book.

Mr. L. A. LAPOINTE (St. James, Montreal): I rise again to protest against the passing of this Bill. I said on one occasion that I represent the city of Montreal where there are a lot of law-abiding citizens who will be affected by this Bill which disfranchises thousands of men who have been accustomed to live with us, paying their taxes, and being as law-abiding citizens as the best class of citizens in Montreal.

People imagine that men in the city of Montreal may be all alike. It is not so. Those who have been attacking the Government have been attacking Sir Wilfrid Laurier and myself in the same manner. These men do not count. I am speaking on behalf of quite a number of Jews of German descent, and many others. I have received many communications from these gentlemen asking me to protest. They are not very quiet men and they are not going

to take this matter as easy as the electors of my hon. friend from North Waterloo (Mr. Weichel) do. I do not know whether that hon. gentleman has authority to speak for the electors and to say that they would be satisfied with what he appealed to the Prime Minister to give them. The men in Montreal of whom I speak are not going to be satisfied with that. On one occasion my hon. friend from North Waterloo told the House what his people were doing. He said that a thousand men in North Waterloo enrolled, and 300 of those who went to the front were boys of German descent. Is he asking that these people should have the right of citizenship, but no vote? Is he content with the statement of the Prime Minister that he would pass an Order in Council and give them some right of living, but not the right of representation, though they pay taxes? The Government continue to collect taxes from these disfranchised people in Montreal just the same, and yet all these people will have no right to vote. I call this Bill a measure of expediency. You have only to look at three or four pages of the Bill, and you find nothing but enumerators. We see provision for thousands of enumerators, and they are to be given the right to do whatever they please. We never had such a thing in our province. In my constituency there are many polling subdivisions. One polling subdivision has only four electors, but there will be an enumerator for that subdivision. In one part of my ward there are nine polling subdivisions, with 196 electors. There will be nine enumerators for that district. There will be 3,000 enumerators in Montreal, friends of the Government.

Mr. PUGSLEY: They will get their work in.

Mr. L. A. LAPOINTE: You bet they will work up to the day of the election, because they have the right to send anybody to the poll to vote. The returning officer, with the enumerator, and some assistant returning officers will prepare the list, and hon. gentlemen can see where we will stand with an election at this time. This Bill, as I have said, is a measure of expediency, to win an election. To win the war is another question. The war will not be won by this Government or the other government. The hon. gentleman from North Waterloo (Mr. Weichel) read from some paper a statement that the women of his county were not opposing the measure, but were satisfied, and that statement was placed on Hansard. He showed himself so satisfied in every way