

If, however, we should be disappointed in this, and instead of a clean and clear franchise, we should be threatened with another blot upon our national career, the Government may expect to find the Opposition unbending and unrelenting in its efforts to conserve this most fundamental of the rights of a free people.

The Government, by force of numbers, strategic position, and the weapon of the closure may have the power to put through further enactments in violation of the spirit of the constitution, but it might as well be said first as last that, should the bill introduced contain any device calculated to lend itself to the manipulation of voters' lists and the switching of ballots, by direction of the Government or any of its minions, as has been possible and as has been done under the measures to which I have referred, enactment of such features will be resisted to the last stroke. Particularly objectionable would be any attempt to depart from the federal spirit of our constitution, by the substitution of any system of Dominion enumeration for lists provincially prepared, or any attempt to frame the law that the significance of any of its provisions would be left to doubt, or not be available for immediate use at all seasons and times.