

Hon. Mr. GILLIS: Will he not be guided by the agent or other official at the reserve as to what men are fit for enfranchisement?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Always. Indians themselves can select their own representative on the Enfranchisement Board. They are allowed thirty days in which to do this. If they are stubborn and refuse to do so, a representative is selected for them.

Section 7 was agreed to.

On section 8—residing or hunting upon any reserve without authority; penalty:

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: This is to enlarge the power of the agent with respect to persons found on the reserve who cannot give an adequate reason for being there. The onus is on them.

Section 8 was agreed to.

Section 9 was agreed to.

On section 10—restriction on Indian dances, etc.:

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: This amendment strikes out the words "in aboriginal costume." The original Act provided that Indians who engaged in stampedes or pageants in aboriginal costume without the consent of the Superintendent General or his authorized agent rendered themselves liable to serious penalties. The amendment is intended to render it a little more difficult for Indians to evade the ban by making a slight change in their costume.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: What is the objection to their taking part in dances and stampedes?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Mr. Graham, the late Commissioner at Regina, who was in the Indian service for over forty years, told me that dances among the Indians were pretty wild affairs, and most degrading and dangerous, having a tendency to take them back to jungle conditions. The best Indian authorities say "No," and I am ready to follow their advice.

Section 10 was agreed to.

Section 11 was agreed to.

The preamble and the title were agreed to. The Bill was reported.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think the Senate would be interested in knowing whether enfranchisement might result in a whole band being dispersed. I would suggest to my right honourable friend that the third reading of

the Bill should be deferred and in the meantime he should ascertain from the Department of Indian Affairs what procedure the board is to follow in selecting Indians to be enfranchised.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: In view of the honourable senator's request I will not ask for third reading of the Bill until the next sitting of the House. I thought I had given honourable members a fairly full explanation, but I will endeavour to get more satisfactory information, especially as to how the enfranchised Indian shares in the common property.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But my right honourable friend has not said that the Indian is ousted from the reserve.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not think he is ousted from the reserve. I will get full information as to how the Indians to be enfranchised are selected. I know that what I have told my honourable friend is right: their names are submitted by the Indian agent, and if the records in the department confirm his recommendation, or at least are not antagonistic to it, those named are dealt with by the board.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The agent might suggest the enfranchisement of five or ten men who might happen to be the council—the chiefs. How would the band feel if they lost their leaders?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The agent would take care of that. He would not leave them without leadership.

## CRIMINAL CODE BILL

### SECOND READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the second reading of Bill 71, an Act to amend the Criminal Code.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

### CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Right Hon. Mr. Meighen, the Senate went into Committee on the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Copp in the Chair.

On section 1—interpretation; "prize fight":

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: This section exempts from the definition of "prize fight," and therefore from the prohibition of prize fights, boxing contests where the gloves worn are not lighter than five ounces, and similar contests held under the authority of commissions set up by provincial legislation for