

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The answer to that is that Parliament gives official recognition to only two parties. Parliament has already made provision for the recognition of the leader of the Opposition and he is designated and recognized in the same way as the Prime Minister, as being the leader of that particular party. Then of course there is the Government party. Outside of that we simply have to adjust ourselves to any unlooked-for conditions that may arise.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I saw the other day in the press a statement from the Prime Minister that the Tory-Nationalist coalition was off, that he had repudiated his allies; so that at all events they are now recognized as a third party.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: My honourable friend is drawing on his imagination when he speaks of a Tory-Nationalist party.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It was not imagination on the night of the last elections.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: If my honourable friend referred to the Liberal-Nationalist party he would be in line with the facts.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: Suppose that the next general election is of the same kind as we had in 1911, with Tory candidates and Tory-Nationalist candidates?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Subsidized by the Tory funds.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: Subsidized by the Tory funds and supported by the Tory organization in Quebec, which, as is generally known, gave their money. If a vote is given—

Hon. W. B. ROSS: I think we are getting away from the point.

The CHAIRMAN: Order.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: Suppose a vote is given—

The CHAIRMAN: I think the honourable gentleman is not sticking to the clause before the committee. We are on subsection 3 of section 12.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I think I was perfectly in order in raising the point. I want scrutineers for all who are interested. I am prepared to have the Government's proposal accepted as far as it goes, but I feel that throughout the country there are other interests besides the Conservative and

Liberal interests. There is the Labour interest; there is the Independent interest; there is that Nationalist interest, which is quite a strong one—strong enough to be allied with the great Conservative party of this country to maintain power. Is it not fair for the Government to take precautions to give to their allies, the Nationalists, who have kept them in power—is it not fair for the Government to give them proper protection in this election? In 1911 nobody knew what was going to happen. The Nationalists put into the field some 35 or 40 candidates and they captured 27 or 30 seats.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Perhaps it would be a relief to my honourable friend if I pointed out to him that on page 17 of the Bill there is a ballot which makes provision for the Independent candidate, and provision for the Labour candidate.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: But where are his scrutineers? He will not have any.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: He will have to look out for scrutineers.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I would point out to my honourable friends that the Government apparently has given some recognition to the idea of there being an Independent or Labour party, because in subsection 5 of this same section, that question is dealt with:

Such recognition shall be made in the case of the Government party by the Prime Minister, in the case of the Opposition party by the leader of the Opposition, and in the case of any Independent or Labour party by the recognized leader of such party.

But no provision seems to have been made for an Independent or Labour party being recognized at the time of counting the ballots.

Hon. Mr. TESSIER: What about the women's party?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I have nothing more to say. We have done all we could.

Subsection 3 of section 12 was agreed to.

On subsection 7 of section 12—ballot not rejected for uncertainty if intentions of voter can be seen on mere inspection:

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: Does not a danger lurk in this clause? A ballot need not fully describe the candidate; his Christian name may be badly spelled or may be omitted. Who is going to identify such a man if a full description is not given? It has happened before now that a man whose name was