

erly have been inserted in it. The first is a provision for the protection of those who, bona fide, have begun litigation. I do not know whether there are any such persons or not, but if there are, under this Bill they would be divested of their status in court. Another very desirable provision would be something in the nature of the Quieting Titles Act which we had in Ontario years ago, and which some of the other provinces may have. Take the case of a miner who has staked a claim. Perhaps he has not technically complied with the provisions of the Act, but has been accepted as the pending locatee. An action is brought contesting the priority and regularity of his application, and he has to show a substantial compliance with the regulations. Who is to determine that question, the mining recorder or the court? It seems to me there should be some provision for that, and certainly I think there ought to be some protection for pending litigants, and some provision covering future litigation.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: As to protecting pending litigants, would the honourable gentleman be of the opinion that a clause similar to those in Acts reviving lapsed patents would be sufficient?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I think it would.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I will call the attention of the Department to the remarks of my honourable friend, and on Monday we shall perhaps be in a position to discuss the matter thoroughly.

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

DOMINION ELECTIONS BILL

FURTHER CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

The Senate again went into Committee on Bill 313, an Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act.

Hon. Mr. COPP in the chair.

On section 1—"Judicial district"; "the Judge":

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Honourable gentlemen will remember that when the House was in Committee yesterday we made some slight amendments in the English version of this Bill, and also sent back the French translation for correction. This morning the Chief Electoral Officer examined the English version of the Bill and approved of the corrections we made yesterday, and also suggested some others which I will now submit.

They do not change the principle of the Bill at all, but provide for the insertion of words that have been omitted. The first is on page 2 of the Bill, line 5, paragraph iv. I would move that the word "which" be inserted after the word "within", so that it will read:

—the judge of the county court of the county, or the judge of the district court of the district, as the case may be, within which such place lies.

The amendment was agreed to.

On section 6, new section 21, subsection 2—appointment by title:

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Subsection 2 of section 21, which begins at the 46th line on page 3, reads as follows:

Any appointment made by the Chief Electoral Officer may be made by reference to the title of office of the appointee. . .

It is suggested that the word "the" be inserted between the words "of" and "office," making that line read:

—may be made by reference to the title of the office of the appointee. . .

I move that the word "the" be inserted between the words "of" and "office" in the 47th line on page 3.

The amendment was agreed to.

On section 12, new section 28, subsection 1—polling divisions with 300 electors:

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: On page 6, in section 28, subsection 1, there is evidently an error by the printers. Printers seldom make errors, I will say in their defence, but this seems to be one place where they slipped. Beginning on line 5, page 6, it reads as follows:

each designed to contain as nearly as possible there hundred electors. . .

The word "there" should read "three." I move that the word "there" be stricken out and the word "three" be substituted therefor.

The amendment was agreed to.

On Schedule B to Section 32—preparation of lists of voters in rural polling division:

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: With regard to Rule 8, on page 18, the Electoral Officer and those of us who were discussing it with him were of opinion that "Rule (4)" at the end of the clause should be changed to "Rule (3)," and the last sentence of the clause should read:

He shall attach to such copy a copy of the notice published under Rule (3).

A reference to Rule 3, I think, will make that plain. Rule 3 says: