

are afraid to say anything about it. There has been but one hon. gentleman on the other side of the House who has demurred to soldiers' wives being included amongst those who should have votes, and that one hon. gentleman is the hon. member for Sherbrooke (Mr. McCrea). I challenge any hon. gentleman on the other side of the House to say that he objects to the wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of the soldiers having votes. They will not do it because they know it is right and while they argue by the hour that females generally should have votes they have not sufficient confidence in themselves to move an amendment to that effect. It is all humbug and hon. gentlemen opposite realize that. They are living on humbug and nothing else. One knows that from listening to their speeches in the House. The hon. member for Moosejaw (Mr. Knowles) addressed the House, and when he was getting towards the close of his remarks, as Hansard will show, he turned around to the hon. member for South Renfrew (Mr. Graham) and to hon. gentlemen from the West and from different parts of Canada, who had supported the Government on the conscription Bill, and declared that they were all voting to save their own necks and that there was no principle in them. There was not one of them who had the common honesty to get up and say that he was voting on principle on the matter. Yet, they will go out to different places in this country and tell the people that their vote in the House was not an honest vote and that while they voted for conscription they did not mean it but that they were only trying to tune up to popular opinion in the country. That is what these hon. gentlemen say whenever they meet their friends. There is no question about that. It is published in the press of this country and they have not the manliness to deny it.

Mr. SPEAKER: I think the hon. member—

Mr. CARVELL: Let him go on; there is no other man in the House who will go as far as he does.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order.

Mr. CARVELL: We know his size.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. The hon. member will please take his seat when the Speaker rises.

Mr. CARVELL: I beg your pardon.

Mr. SPEAKER: I must ask the hon. member (Mr. W. H. Bennett) to modify his language.

Mr. CARVELL: Let him go on, we do not mind.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: They have not the manliness to deny it.

Mr. CARVELL: He is the only man who can get up and make any kind of a statement in this House.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: Let the political sewer-pipe from Carleton county possess his soul in patience.

Mr. SPEAKER: I think that remark ought to be taken back.

Mr. CARVELL: Let him go on. He is entirely irresponsible.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: I will withdraw it in the House, but I will make it outside the House at the earliest opportunity. There was a meeting held in Toronto by a number of Liberals and the proceedings of that meeting were published by the Toronto Telegram of August 30.

Mr. PROULX: What is the question before the House?

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: What did the genial member for Prescott ask?

Mr. PROULX: I asked what was the question before the House.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: The question before the House is whether or not hon. gentlemen opposite are sincere in their opposition to this Bill. If I prove by this precedent and occasion that they are not honest in other matters—I mean consistent—then they are equally dishonest here. I am going to prove, because the hon. member for Prescott was at the meeting, that in the position which they took on conscription they were inconsistent and nothing else.

Mr. McKENZIE: What does Sir Clifford Sifton say about it?

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: I presume that whatever Sir Clifford Sifton says he will stand back of, as I will stand back of what I have to say here to-night. Now let us come to this meeting. The record I am going to read from is as true as any gospel that was ever written, and not one of these gentlemen who have returned from that meeting will dare deny a word of it. The hon. member for Russell (Mr. Murphy) and the hon. member for Prescott (Mr. Proulx) were both there, and when they hear me read those statements they will not deny them. Why will they not deny them? There were thirty other men, candidates in the prov-