

be. Subsection 2 of section 3 reads as follows:

If he can state the electoral district wherein he last continuously resided during at least months of the year immediately preceding his appointment, enlistment, enrolment or calling out on active service, or so particularly specify a place or places within an electoral district whereat during such period of time he so resided that such electoral district can therefrom be ascertained, he shall be deemed an elector of the electoral district so stated or to be ascertained, and his vote shall be applied thereto.

Mr. C. A. WILSON: That is what I object to.

Mr. DOHERTY: Does the hon. gentleman object that the man will not be able to indicate his electoral district?

Mr. C. A. WILSON: What I object to is that a man who was resident in the county of Laval as it stood before redistribution should choose as his place of voting any part of that county that now belongs to another constituency. I wish his name to remain on the lists of the electoral district in which he lived; then he will be bound to vote in that electoral district. I want him to have the privilege of voting, but under this measure the civil or military authorities can say what part of the county that man comes from, and he will have to vote there, notwithstanding that it may now be in another electoral division.

Mr. DOHERTY: Suppose a gentleman resided in the village of Ste. Rose, which is in the county of Laval. There has been a redistribution. That gentleman now knows that he lived in the village of Ste. Rose, but he does not know in what electoral district that is. In that case, he will say: I resided in the village of Ste. Rose for such a period of time. From that statement that he resided in the village of Ste. Rose, the electoral county to which he belongs can be ascertained. The fact that he stated that he resided in the village of Ste. Rose will be on the back of the envelope in which his ballot is contained. The first operation of the returning officer to whom that goes is to assort the ballots, and he will see on the back of that ballot that this man resided in the village of Ste. Rose. He will be provided by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery with the necessary charts and documents showing the limitations of the constituency. He will turn to those and see that the village of Ste. Rose is in the present constituency of—whatever it may be. That envelope, unopened, will be assorted with the votes for the county in which the village of Ste. Rose is situated and the

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man's ballot will be counted in that very county in which he as a resident of Ste. Rose belongs. The only man who is to have a chance to indicate where he desires to vote is the man who neither knows the name of his electoral constituency or is in a position to name a place or places in which he resided or from the naming of which the constituency can be ascertained. In the case suggested the man was in a position to tell where he resided. He will be asked where he resided, not merely in what electoral district he resided.

If he says, "I resided in such a county," we know as far as he can tell us. If he says, "I cannot tell the county," he will be asked, "What place did you reside in?" In the instance mentioned, he will give Ste. Rose and Ste. Rose will give the constituency. You may have to get more particulars when you get into city constituencies, such as streets and numbers. From streets and numbers you will ascertain by reference to charts, which have been prepared showing the limits as fixed by the Redistribution Act, in what constituency the man is. There is no ground to apprehend difficulty in so far as regards a man who knows where he lives, whether he knows the name of the constituency or not; that man will vote in the constituency in which he lives.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Except that he is required to select the district.

Mr. DOHERTY: If my hon. friend expects to find in this section all the provisions of the law I am afraid he will not find them because this does not say so.

Mr. PUGSLEY: If the minister will kindly look at form B, page 16, he will find the following:

6. Specify the names of the place or places in Canada (giving streets and numbers when possible) whereat you last continuously resided during at least.... months of the year immediately preceding your appointment, enlistment, enrolment or calling out on active service.

7. State if you can the electoral district wherein such place or places in which you so resided are situate.

Electoral district
Province

8. If because of non-residence or otherwise you cannot specify or state as required by questions No. 6 and No. 7, to what electoral district do you desire your vote to be applied?

Unless he can answer both 6 and 7 then he selects his own district.

Mr. DOHERTY: If he cannot answer 6 and 7 he shall elect; that is if he can answer neither one nor the other.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Yes.