

necessary to carry on the affairs of the province. It is the intention of the Government to change entirely the method of making up the lists in New Brunswick. They will either change it over entirely, or they will provide an appeal from the board of revisers to some official, probably the county court judge, or something of that kind. As it is to-day, there is no doubt in the world that in New Brunswick there is no appeal whatever, and it means that practically what that chairman of the board of revisers says, goes, and that is the end of the matter. If we are going to enfranchise the women—and that has my hearty consent, except that they should all be enfranchised—there should be some appeal from the ipse dixit of this enumerator in order to get justice. As I said before, I would be willing to leave the matter to the sheriff.

An hon. MEMBER: Time

Mr. CARVELL: If my hon. friends want to call time, all right. I understand that the rule is being adhered to.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Go ahead.

Mr. CARVELL: That is the big objection I have to this Bill. I also object very strongly to the enfranchisement of the female relatives of a man who happens to own a little motor boat on the Atlantic coast, and has enough political pull to get the Government to hire it from him. Nineteen-twentieths of all the little motor boats that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries talks of as being engaged in this dangerous service are being paid an exorbitant rate per day as a matter of political pull; that is what it amounts to, and nothing else. I have here a letter written by the Department of Naval Service to a Mr. Calder, of Wilson's Beach, New Brunswick. This man had a motor boat thoroughly equipped in every respect. He was crazy to get the Government to take it off his hands, and put it up to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, but he was a Liberal, and therefore his boat was no good and could not be used. His neighbour, who hapened to be a Conservative, rented his boat to the Government. All the little gasoline launches along the Atlantic coast are taken by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries if they belong to men of the proper political stripe, and their owners are paid an enormous rate per day, and become members of the Canadian Navy. It simply means that the Government are enfranchising the female relatives of every Tory along the Atlantic coast who owns a motor boat, and they are

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refusing the franchise to everybody else because they are not able to get in on the inside and lease their boats to the Government. I have another letter which I am willing to let the minister have if he wants it—I have a whole lot of correspondence from this gentleman, in fact—pointing out how this Canadian Naval Service is working out, that all it means is that no man can possibly rent his boat to the Government unless he belongs to the proper political stripe. That is why I raised this question yesterday. Why should the female relatives of the man who happens to rent a motor boat to the Government have a vote in Canada, while the female relatives of the soldier who has enlisted, but has not yet gone across the water, have not a vote. It is simply a method of giving the vote to the female relatives of the leading Conservatives in the Maritime Provinces, and that is all there is to it. I protest most strongly against it.

When this Bill was introduced the Secretary of State stated that he would be glad to receive suggestions. We have been offering suggestions right along, not during a long period, I admit, because we only started yesterday afternoon, but we have been trying to point out the iniquities of this Bill and endeavouring to show how it can be improved, but our suggestions have not met with very much success. It looks to me as if the Government have made up their minds to let this thing go through as it is, and let the axe fall at two o'clock. I admit they have the power, but what is the use of offering suggestions under those circumstances? However, we must do our duty, and offer such suggestions as we think will improve the Bill.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Several suggestions have been accepted.

Mr. CARVELL: I fail to see any of any importance.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Ask the hon. member for Saskatoon and the hon. member for Oxford.

Mr. CARVELL: I am not going into the details because I have not time, and I am not discussing the principle of the measure now, as I may have something to say about that on the third reading of the Bill. I am now simply pointing out the objections I have to the working out of the Bill. Unless some change is made in this provision for enumerators, I can tell my hon. friend that, so far as the Maritime Provinces are concerned, there will be more trouble in eastern Canada than he has ever heard in his lifetime. They have had their troubles