

SUPPLY—MANITOBA VOTERS' LISTS—*Con.*

*Crawford, J.* (Portage la Prairie)—*Con.*

done to disfranchise any elector—6761. This whole condition is not entirely the fault of the people of Manitoba, but it is created through the act of this House—6762. I have yet to hear that any of these people were deprived of their right to vote through the use of the red line—6763. Neither Leach, nor any other person, except the returning officers, had anything to do with the preparation of the list—6764. Some of the provincial constituencies in my own district include parts of as many as five different municipalities—6765. It is not reasonable, it is not right, that we should be forced to use lists in that condition—6766. I think it is up to this House to rectify that condition of affairs and make the required change—6767. It will take him nearly half his time to register the names of those who will apply for that polling division alone—6768. If you are going to make a voters' list, let it be an honest and complete one—6769. It is no excuse for the outrage of to-day to say that the Greenway franchise law of ten years ago was not all it should have been—6770. I think it would be only right for this parliament to recompense those men in some way or another—6771. I would like to ask Schaffner what the building of railways has to do with Franchise Act?—6781.

*Fielding, Hon. Wm. S.* (Minister of Finance)—6797.

The principle upon which the Dominion Franchise Act is framed is one in the interest of public economy—6797.

*Finlay, J.* (East Peterborough)—6811.

Bennett ought to be ashamed to mention his name—6811.

*Greenway, T.* (Lisgar)—6738.

I propose to submit to the House that it is right and incumbent upon the government to adopt a different policy—6738. The law of the land what shall qualify a voter, that the voter ought to have the means of registering his vote—6739. But under this precious system which I am going to discuss in a few minutes we have one day—6740. All I want is that we shall have the means of preparing a complete list of the voters of the province—6741. That was entering the wedge that they proposed to drive home upon this last occasion—6742. In the polling subdivision where I happen to reside there was a very large area, 108 square miles, with 320 odd voters in it—6743. I said that, as a rule, I thought the policy of using the provincial franchise was a good one—6744. I was finding fault because Schaffner's friends persecute people who undertake to put the voters' list right—6745. Who is going to provide that the 59 voters shall vote in my constituency and the 142 in the constituency of my friend Schaffner?—6746. It is important perhaps to show the motive of the crime about to be committed next month—6747. And the joke of the hour

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was that the Liberals did not get upon the lists which were to be used in the Dominion elections—6748. I found that there had been six Liberals left off the list and that three Conservatives had been misplaced—6749. The necessity of providing that a proper list be compiled for the province of Manitoba—6750. I do not think it is a fair policy to adopt. I do not think it is fair to our friends in Manitoba—6751. Richardson has gone Tory—6752.

*Jackson, S. J.* (Selkirk)—6782.

It is the duty of this government to come to the rescue and to see that the people in that district have a fair opportunity—6782. I know there were fifty-six men who were sent out at an expense of \$2 each that they might be registered—6783. He was not receiving pay from the Dominion government at the time that he was engaged in this work—6784. Your friends of the Roblin government had this gentleman arrested—6785. Assert that under that system it is possible for us to have any kind of a fair list. Now we come to the thin red line—6786. We will have to have a revision of the lists in that country, because they are not fair to the public—6787. As far as I am concerned, every voter, both Liberal and Tory, should be on the list—6788. What about the thousands who were qualified before last year and are not on?—6789. The educational clauses of the Autonomy Bill or the boundary question did not figure in that election—6790. There is no amendment to that, so far as I am aware—6791. It is the duty of this government, as soon as possible, to introduce an Act making an exception for the province of Manitoba—6792. There used to be trouble about that when we took the municipal lists as a basis, and in that way we had to clean up the lists—6793.

*Lalor, F. R.* (Haldimand)—6789.

Is it not their fault if they do not get on?—6789. Why didn't you carry Mountain?—6790. Is that not as fair for one party as the other; do not Conservatives live as far away from the polls as Liberals?—6792.

*Lemieux, Hon. R.* (Solicitor General)—6774.

How could it injure Schaffner when it came from his friend Borden?—6774.

*Roche, W. J.* (Marquette)—6751.

I heard that Greenway was appealing to the jury of parliament in order to get what he calls fair-play—6751. Richardson is still standing exactly for the principles that he advocated when he was a candidate for Greenway and his party—6752. Greenway wants to go back to the good old days in Lisgar, when Sifton manufactured the list—6753. To go back to the old days when they did not depend on intimidation and bribery alone, but disfranchised the electors—6754. Two years ago the judges of the province re-