

province means a county. There are a number of parishes corresponding to townships, and there are two men elected usually biannually, who are called county councillors and those two men, together with a third man appointed by the Government, make up the voters' lists for that parish. Those two men are usually pretty fair men, because they represent the people, but the trouble is with the third man appointed by the Government. He is the chairman of the board, and no list is of any value unless it is signed by him. The other two men might make up a perfect list, but if the chairman does not want to sign it, it is of no value. That practically means that the list is made up by the chairman appointed by the Government.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: What time of the year was that list made up last?

Mr. CARVELL: October, 1916.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: Will that be the list to be used in New Brunswick in the coming election if it is held before December?

Mr. CARVELL: That will be the list on which the coming election will be held if the election is held at any time before the second or third day of March.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: Will that list be generally acceptable so far as fairness is concerned?

Mr. CARVELL: Yes it is the law of the land, and we shall take it.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: What is the complaint then?

Mr. CARVELL: I do not know what my hon. friend is speaking about. I am not finding fault with the list. It is there. It is made up by Tory officials, and we have to take it. If the election were held after the third day of March, we would have a much more honest list, but we have to take it as it is. What I am speaking about is that you are going to appoint those Tory partisans as enumerators, and they are the ones who are going to make up the female suffrage list. Those enumerators will play a very small part in the Maritime Provinces so far as disqualifying people is concerned, because, in my constituency at all events, I do not think there is a solitary voter who could be disqualified by any enumerator no matter how badly he might want to act. There may possibly be some of those Danish voters to whom I referred last evening. I do not know how many of them or if any of them came from Schleswig-Holstein. If

any of them came from there after it was ceded to Germany, then I am afraid some of those men might be disfranchised. I think there are very few of them in the Maritime Provinces. What I am afraid of in regard to these enumerators is the making up of the list of the female voters. I would like to see some safeguard thrown around the matter. I do not like to see a partisan appointed who has the power to make this list in camera. No man has any right to go near him in order to find out what he is doing, until fifteen days before the election when he posts up his list and says: That is my handiwork. I can go to him and produce the most solemn affidavit in the world and prove to him that he has added to that list names which he should not have added or that he has refrained from adding names which he should have added, but I have no redress, and I cannot make him remedy the matter at all. There should be some appeal or some person to whom one could go in order to get justice. My only object in referring to some of the conditions which prevailed in the past is to show the Solicitor General the conditions of affairs we have fought against, and having fought against them, and having won out and having reached a point at which we can get an honest list, we in New Brunswick feel very sore that we have to go back to the old system, and that the supplementary list has to be handed over to a partisan from whose decision there is no appeal. There is no way of compelling an enumerator to add to the list that which he should add or to strike out from the list that which he should strike out. That is what I am finding fault with. If the Secretary of State does not want to take the revising board—and the chairman of the revising board will now be a Liberal—let him cut them out. Let him take somebody. Let him take the sheriff. If he would have an appeal to the sheriff of the county—and in my county there are two, one a Liberal and the other a Conservative—I would be perfectly satisfied to take either one. Let him make them the arbitrators or court of appeal, and they would make up an honest list.

Mr. DAVIDSON: Under the New Brunswick system is there any appeal?

Mr. CARVELL: No, there is not. At the next session of the legislature, the whole law will be changed. The legislature was not able to meet on account of the old Government not resigning until the month of May. The legislature passed only the smallest quantity of legislation absolutely