

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STAUTON: If they did, I may assure the honourable gentleman that it was not in my hearing.

Hon. Mr. POWER: I am in doubt as to the Ontario system. Has the honourable gentleman found what the system is?

Hon. Mr. LYNCH-STAUTON: Yes. It is set out in subsection 3 of section 65A of the Act, and it provides that the same course shall be pursued as is set out in section 2 of this amendment. In other words, section 2, objected to by the honourable member for De Salaberry is, as near as may be, a copy of subsection 3 of section 65A as far as it is applicable to the case in hand.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I want to make a suggestion, although I am not very hopeful that it will be acted upon; but if we can avoid losing any more time I think it is desirable. It appears clearly from the two statements we have heard that we are fighting about nothing. The honourable member for Hamilton (Hon. Mr. Lynch-Staunton) tells us that they agreed on the principle, and from all we know there was a distinct agreement on the principle that there should be a judicial revision. The difficulty has arisen in the matter of carrying it out. Would it not be a wise thing to see if we cannot find a way of carrying out the agreement that has been arrived at on both sides? What are we talking about? Merely a matter of procedure, is that not all?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Then had we not better adjourn, to let the jury see if they cannot agree?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I would say to my honourable friend that it seems to be hopeless to make further endeavours to come to any agreement on this subject. We have occupied all to-day up to three o'clock; we adjourned this morning in the hope that a mutual understanding would be arrived at with our honourable friends opposite; but those who represent the Liberal members of the House of Commons seem to be obdurate on this question. If my honourable friend thinks that he has greater persuasive powers than those who have taken the matter in hand, we shall be glad to let him see if he can find a settlement. But we are charged with trying to pass this Bill, and we have spent so much time on it that I think we should proceed with it.

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Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: I think we should confine ourselves to the discussion of the amendment and the sub-amendment. It is the only thing to do, because there can be no agreement between the parties. I charge the Government with acting very partially in this matter, especially after hearing what has been said by the honourable member for Hamilton. I was informed this morning that there was an understanding on the lines suggested by my honourable friend from De Salaberry, and that this understanding was accepted by the Government and by the Secretary of State. It was so at twelve o'clock, and this morning I was told by a member of the Government that the arrangement was all off, because so many members of the other House objected to it and wished to have the revising of the lists in Nova Scotia in their hands. This is the game, and we see through it. But the other side has not the courage to bring up that question in the other House; so we must take the matter as it stands now. It seems that the members of the other House have now changed their minds, and have imposed on the Government the necessity of changing this Bill. I say "imposed," because I am sure that the honourable leader of this House in his heart would be glad if the Bill would stay as it is now—that he is opposed in his heart to the amendment, because he is a fair man. The honourable member for Middleton boldly said yesterday that the reason this amendment had not been put through in the other House was because the closure was brought up against the Tory members in the other House, and they were not at liberty to introduce the amendment which they are now asking us to make to this Bill. I think that this admission from the mouth of a Tory like the honourable member for Middleton shows how far they may go with this closure, and how the rights of the people have been trampled upon in the other House by the Government.

In regard to this amendment, it has been stated that both parties are acting as partisans. The Liberals are satisfied with the way the voters' lists are prepared in Nova Scotia, and it seems that the Tories have been satisfied too, for there has been no complaint. Those appointed by the Liberal Government there to prepare the lists had to give notice that on a certain day the lists would be closed, and complaints against them would be heard, and if the lists are now closed it is only fair to assume that they are correct, and that the Conservatives in Nova Scotia are satisfied with them. I am sur-