

would start, there would be time for the transmission of the votes to the other side.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It seems to me quite manifest that polling cannot possibly take place until the names are received officially—

Hon. Mr. WATSON: Why does not the Bill say so?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: —because the polling is conducted under duly authorized officers and according to duly authorized methods, and if those names have not reached there the day following, the polling cannot proceed until they are received. But the principal consideration in the House of Commons, as has been stated to me by the Prime Minister and now by the Minister of Justice, was that immediately the names are received—and they will be forwarded the moment they can be—no time should be lost, on account of the uncertainty of the time at the disposal of those men. They may be ordered into action.

Brigadier General Hon. Mr. MASON: On account of military exigencies.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Military exigencies may demand that they use every moment at their disposal.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: There is a difference in time between this country and Europe.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: That is to our disadvantage.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: It seems to me the voting should not take place before the names of the candidates are made known to the members of the camp, and as the subsection is drafted I think there is no guarantee at all that the voting will not take place. We must remember the difference in time.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: That and the difference of 24 hours make two days.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It gives 27 days in which to enter the voting.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: As I have already said, the exigencies of the situation may be such as to deprive the men of the ability to vote.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: If I am not mistaken, further down in the Bill there is a provision allowing the vote to be taken in case of emergency.

On subsection 2 of section 10—military elector resident in Canada:

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: There is an amendment which I wish to make in line 45 of section 10, page 8. After the word "service" I wish to insert:

or in the case of an officer the official letter or document from competent authority releasing him from service.

That is practically a repetition of the amendment which is made on page 2.

On subsection 1 of section 11—forwarding the ballots:

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I should like to ask the leader of the Government how this officer is going to put the documents in the box. If my understanding is correct, the keys are in the hands of the officer to whom the box will eventually be sent. The presiding officer cannot put the documents into the box through the slit where the ballots are inserted.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: If my honourable friend will look at paragraph a of section 2 he will find out how it is done.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: The slit will be big enough to put in an envelope containing a ballot paper; but will it be big enough to put in the documents?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: They will be forms which may be folded up and put through the slit.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: From what I have seen of these matters I think the opening in the ballot box would be too small.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It has already been demonstrated that the slit will be sufficiently large to permit of the entry of the forms which will be used.

Subsection 1 of section 11 was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: I would remind my honourable friend that the half-hour which he mentioned has gone by.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Would my honourable friend prefer finishing to-night or sitting to-morrow morning?

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: I would rather sit to-morrow.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Then we will rise and adjourn until the morning.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: There is very little on the Order Paper for to-morrow afternoon.