

to appoint nominees of their own. We conceded that.

The second objection was that the revising judge should have not only the power to revise the list as made up at the time it was closed, but also the power to put on the list the names of persons who became qualified subsequent to the making up of the list, up to the first of September. We again conceded that point by way of compromise.

It was also claimed that the last clause of this proposed amendment would not harmonize with the Bill as drafted, and that it would be necessary to adopt other machinery. This was conceded also, and Mr. O'Connor was instructed to draft it so that it would harmonize with the Bill as printed.

I may say at once that this harmonizing could, in my humble opinion, easily have been done by striking out that last paragraph and substituting another. Before reading the proposal I should refer to the first paragraph of section 65A of the Bill in question. It says:

In the provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick the enumerators shall adopt as the basis of the lists of voters which they respectively shall compile the lists prepared for the several polling divisions established, and which on the sixtieth day next preceding the day fixed for the nomination of candidates for the election were in force, or were last in force, under the laws of the province, for the purposes of provincial elections, and they shall not add to such basis list any other names than those of female voters qualified to vote by this part of this Act nor strike off nor erase therefrom any other names than those of persons disqualified from voting, by this part of this Act, and section 62 of this Act shall apply not only to qualified female voters whose names do not appear on any list compiled by any enumerator and to persons whose names he has erased or struck from such basis list.

I think that the first paragraph of the draft which I have read would have harmonized with this provision of the Bill by our adopting as the second paragraph the following:

The said judge shall, not later than the . . . day prior to nomination furnish the enumerator with a certified copy of the list as revised by him, which list shall be taken as being the list referred to in the first part of subsection 1 of section 65a of this Act.

This morning I was furnished with a copy of the proposal from the other side, which is in the following words:

Add to section 65A at the end, as paragraph 5 of Bill 133:

5. In the province of Nova Scotia—

(1) The various judges of the County Court shall be revisers of lists of voters and shall be known as Revising Officers. Each thereof shall

have jurisdiction on appeal from enumerators over the electoral district within his judicial district wherein he resides, and shall have power, and is directed to appoint one other Revising Officer (who shall have similar jurisdiction) for each electoral district within such county court judge's judicial district. Such additional Revising Officers shall be barristers of not less than ten years' standing. Every Revising Officer, before acting as such, shall be sworn before the appointing judge to the faithful performance of his duties. A Revising Officer shall have power to entertain and, in manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, to dispose of, all appeals which may be asserted before him. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph he shall prescribe or confirm such procedure as to notice, evidence or otherwise as in his judgment may be fair and reasonable, considering the circumstances.

To this we took no exception.

(2) The enumerators in said province shall adopt as the basis of the lists of voters which they respectively shall compile the lists prepared for the several polling divisions established, and which on the sixtieth day next preceding the day fixed for the nomination of candidates for the election were in force or were last in force under the laws of the province for the purposes of provincial elections, and they shall not add to such basis lists any other names than those of (a) female persons qualified by this part of this Act to vote at the election of a member, and (b) male persons who according to the laws of the province were qualified to be added to such lists when the same were made or who under the laws of the province or under this part of this Act are qualified to so vote, nor shall such enumerator strike off nor erase from such basis lists any other names than those of (a) persons who, when such lists were made were not qualified to have their names entered thereon or (b) persons disqualified by this Act from voting at the election of a member. Every enumerator in said province who shall strike off or erase from any such basis list the name of any person shall forthwith mail to such person by registered letter, to the address given in such basis list or to his last known address, notice of the fact and of the reason. Every enumerator in said province shall complete, date at his place of residence and sign the copies of the voters' lists prepared by him fifteen days before the polling day; two of such copies he shall forthwith post up as required by section 48 of this Act and a third he shall personally deliver or mail by registered letter to the Revising Officer for the electoral district wherein his polling division is contained. He shall also deliver or mail by registered letter a copy of such list to each of the candidates. Such list so prepared shall not be subject to revision by the enumerator, nor shall he have any further duty to perform except the issuance in any necessary case of a certificate in Form W-3 under paragraph (g) of section 67. If the enumerator refuses or omits to enter upon the list of voters the names of any person whom he is by this paragraph authorized to enter thereon or strikes off or erases from the basis list the name of any person other than one which he is by this paragraph authorized to strike or erase therefrom, such person, (or, in the case of a qualified person who may be absent from the polling division