

bunal shall consist of two members, one member to be appointed by a Board of Selection to be established by joint resolution of the Senate and House of Commons, and the other member to be appointed by the authority indicated in the same section. As was stated in the early discussion of that Bill, it is thought desirable that one half the members of the Board of Selection should be named by my right hon. friend (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). The number proposed, as to which I am quite willing to receive suggestions, is: 4 for Ontario, 4 for Quebec, 2 for each of the other seven provinces, and 2 for the Yukon, making a total of 24 members for the Board of Selection. We cannot very well appoint a smaller number than two for any province, or even for the Yukon, because I desire that my right hon. friend should have the opportunity of naming one half of the members of the board. If my right hon. friend would be good enough to give me his recommendations, I should be glad to adopt them.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER having risen to speak, he was interrupted by a message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General.

THE ROYAL ASSENT.

A message was delivered by Lieut.-Colonel Ernest J. Chambers, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly the House went up to the Senate:

And having returned,

The Speaker informed the House that the Honourable Lyman Poore Duff, Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, had been pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Bills:

- An Act for the relief of Rozilla Lamb.
- An Act for the relief of John Newton Salter.
- An Act to incorporate The North American Accident Insurance Company.
- An Act to amend The Fisheries: Act, 1914.
- An Act to amend The Saint John and Quebec Railway Act, 1916.
- An Act to amend the Interest Act.
- An Act for the relief of William Henry Bishop.
- An Act to incorporate The Canadian Division of the Aerial League of the British Empire.
- An Act respecting a certain Convention between His Majesty and the United States of America for the protection of Migratory Birds in Canada and the United States.

[Sir Robert Borden.]

An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act and the Exchequer Court Act.

Bill 83, An Act relating to The Honorary Advisory Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

Bill E2, An Act to incorporate Canadian Good Roads Association.

An Act respecting The Montreal Central Terminal Company.

An Act to incorporate The English Valley and Hudson Bay Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Boards of Trade Act.

An Act to assist Returned Soldiers in settling upon the Land and to increase Agricultural production.

An Act to incorporate The Cascade Scenic Railway Company.

An Act respecting The Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company.

An Act to amend The Customs Act.

An Act respecting Military Service.

An Act to amend the Criminal Code (respecting jurors).

An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Canada Evidence Act.

THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT, 1917.

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD OF SELECTION.

The business of the House, interrupted by the messenger from the Deputy of the Governor General, was resumed.

Right Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER: When I was interrupted by the messenger from the Senate, I was just about asking my right hon. friend the Prime Minister (Sir Robert Borden) if he would kindly repeat the numbers from each province on the board which he proposed should be appointed by the House of Commons.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: What I had in mind was to appoint a board of 24 members, of whom 4 should be selected from the province of Ontario, 4 from the province of Quebec, 2 from each of the other seven provinces and 2 from the Yukon, making 24 altogether. As to the number, I have an open mind. That is what I would suggest. I desire to have half of them in each province and in the Yukon appointed upon the nomination or recommendation of my right hon. friend.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: The House will not be surprised if I say at once that I find myself in rather a delicate position. It is not in accordance with constitutional usage that a member should assist in any organization in connection with a measure of which he does not approve. The House knows the position I have taken on this Bill. I do not approve of it. At the same time I would say that upon this side of the House, as everybody knows, my opinion is not entertained by all the members of the Opposition. There are members on this