

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT—When he has appointed an agent he is done.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Then you provide for other appointments by the Government or Opposition. Who is to name them? What authority? Who is the Opposition? I can understand the situation that a person comes along and says they are the Opposition; but a fellow says, "The Opposition's scrutineer is here now;" that Opposition has failed, consequently he has no standing at all.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—You will have no trouble with that.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—I have a question that has not been answered yet.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—If there is any doubt upon that point it has been suggested that it might read as follows:

May be appointed by either the Government or the Opposition as nominated by the Prime Minister or the leader of the Opposition respectively.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—Correct.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—All right.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—I do not believe it would be fair to do that in this way. How would they appoint agents in British Columbia or elsewhere? How could you consult them? Why not put it by the Chief Justice of the province?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—No, the parties.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—I have not had an answer to my question yet.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—What is the question, again?

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—I wish the leader of the House would read subclause 5 of clause 4, and tell me what is the sense of sending voters' lists from the inside constituencies to your returning officer at the camp unless you are going to use the voters' lists? If you are not going to accept them as final, what is the use of sending them?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—For the purpose of information.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—If you are going to accept the statement of the soldier at the camp that he has a right to vote at a certain place, and accept that as absolutely final, what is the use of voters' lists?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—He has to swear to it.

Hon. Mr. BOYER.

Schedules B and C were adopted.

The CHAIRMAN—Subsection 8 of section 4 is amended as follows: After the word "Opposition" in the 17th line, page 6, insert "Authorized by the Prime Minister and leader of the Opposition respectively in the House of Commons."

The amendment was agreed to, and the clause as amended was adopted.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—Is there not some way by which my hon. friend might amend this subclause 5 of clause 4?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I may say this for the instruction of the polling officer so that he may classify the votes for the various districts and so on. It is simply for information.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—By this extended franchise you are going to let people who are not on the list vote if they want to.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—If they are on active service and come within clause 1 of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—But they are not voters unless they are on the list?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—Then how can they claim to be voters if they are not on the list of voters? You are opening the door to all kinds of jobbery and sculduggery; that is what it is and nothing else. You can vote them by the bagful. You are leaving the door open; they can vote them by the wagonload. I can see the fine Italian hand in that. Again, like Dooley, they want to do the counting. I have no objection to any soldier voting, and I think he has a perfect right to vote in the constituency to which he belongs if he is on the list; but simply by somebody coming up and saying, "I belong to the constituency of Nipissing," or something else, without any proof, but just on his own statement, and contrary to the list in that constituency, you are opening the door to all kinds of jobbery and all kinds of crookedness.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—It is perfectly obvious that the clause as it stands is quite absurd. The point is very well taken. You could open this clause for 30,000 men—

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Certainly, but we fix the franchise or the qualification under clause 1 of the Bill, and this other is simply for the information of the returning officer.