

any right to make a new list, or if the provincial authorities would have a right to make an addition to the existing lists.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I think they would not have.

Mr. CARVELL: I can assure my hon. friend that it is going to make a lot of trouble with us. It is going to break up that for which we have been working for a long time, and which has given a great deal of satisfaction. There is another thing. I do not know what the Prime Minister means; he is not getting ready to apply closure to-night, I hope.

Mr. MEIGHEN: We have all day tomorrow.

Mr. CARVELL: If we are going to have the gag applied in that way I suppose we might as well face it, but I would like to discuss this measure, as there are many things about it I do not understand. I have not been offering any factious opposition, nor do I think anybody else has, but if the Government is simply getting ready for closure, we are in a minority, and we might just as well simply throw up our hands and say all right.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: We want full and reasonable discussion of this Bill, of course, but I would point out that a whole day was wasted on Saturday that might have been devoted to this Bill, and for no other purpose, so far as we can understand, than to obstruct the discussion of this measure. It began at three in the afternoon and lasted until ten at night.

Mr. CARVELL: I was not here. I was not responsible for it.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I am not blaming my hon. friend for it. I know he is not responsible.

Mr. CARVELL: I do not know that any one is responsible. I cannot understand the Government taking the ground that a Bill of this revolutionary character, which violates every principle of the British fair play which we have bragged about in this country ever since I was a boy, is going to be railroaded through Parliament. I cannot understand the Prime Minister characterizing as obstruction what is simply a reasonable amount of discussion. The Government have a majority and we are compelled to submit, but it does seem pretty hard for a man like myself who has not obstructed the Government—I have not spoken two hours altogether on

all the contentious Bills that the Government have introduced this session—to be denied the right not merely of offering criticism, but of getting information, simply because my right hon. friend thinks that two or three members may have discussed something that he regards as not pertinent. That is the situation. However, as we are not gagged at the present time, I suppose I shall be allowed to ask a question or two. I think I know enough about movements to see that closure is coming, and I want to avail myself of this present grace to see if I cannot get a little bit of information before the axe falls. I am amazed at the Prime Minister of Canada, I simply cannot get around it, Mr. Chairman. If it was some other member on the opposite side of the House I should not have been surprised, but that a man born and bred in the Maritime Provinces, who knows what justice is, that a man of his education and training, should try to force a measure of this kind through in one day—it simply amazes me. I see that paragraph (g) on page 12, says:

A person shall be deemed to have been born in an enemy country, within the meaning of this paragraph, if he was born in a country which forms part of the territory of any country with which His Majesty is at war: Provided that a person claiming to vote who was a natural born citizen or subject of France, Italy, or Denmark, and who arrived in Canada before the date upon which the territory in which he was born became part of Germany or Austria (as the case may be) shall not be deemed to have been born in an enemy country if he produces to the deputy returning officer an unrevoked certificate in the form W13 in the schedule. Such certificate may be issued by the enumerator.

What an awful injustice will be done to certain people in my constituency if this is allowed to go through. I suppose the clause has been framed to meet some condition in the West. It is about as bad as that other clause empowering the deputy returning officer to declare a man an alien enemy if he does not like his manner.

Mr. MEIGHEN: This is taken word for word from the Australian legislation.

Mr. CARVELL: That does not make it any better. If a vicious piece of legislation has been passed in Australia, we are not compelled to pass it here.

Mr. MEIGHEN: It covers the case of those who have come from Alsace-Lorraine and Schlesweig-Holstein.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: My hon. friend had better get out of his mind that there is any deadly purpose in this. The people