

which he has prepared, and which we have been in hopes of bringing to Parliament before prorogation, were in reality based on the statement made on the 30th of July by the Honourable Minister of National War Services. Colonel Cassels tells me: "That is exactly so. These are the figures and the enactments that we are now whipping into shape." He added that if the Senate wanted him to come before one of its committees, he would explain what he and his associates are doing, and how far they are advanced in their work.

I shall read the statement which is the basis of the work they are carrying on. This is the statement that was made in the other House on July 30:

At the expense of repeating some things already contained in the regulations tabled in the House, and statements already made in this House, I propose to review the whole procedure to be adopted by the department in registering our human resources, so that it can be found in one place in Hansard.

The national registration takes place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 19, 20 and 21. The geographical units for the registration are the electoral federal constituencies, which are, in turn, subdivided into polling subdivisions, the boundaries of which are the same as the polling subdivisions in connection with the Dominion election of March last.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Will the honourable gentleman permit me? That is the procedure for the registration, and is of very little importance. What we want are the regulations for the calling up of men, and the exemptions.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Then I will omit some of the statement and come to that point. After stating that there will be twelve boards, namely, one for each of the eleven military districts and one for the province of Prince Edward Island, the Minister went on:

Each board will be headed by a judge of a superior court, or where deemed advisable, by a judge of a lesser court, of the province in which the appropriate military district is situated.

The Chief Justice of the province will be asked to nominate this judge, and he will be appointed by Order in Council. As a matter of fact, these judges have practically all been nominated in this manner already.

Each board will consist of three members and, as I have said, a judge shall be the chairman of each board. The other two members of each board will be representative citizens of the district in which the board will have jurisdiction.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Who will choose them?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I can assure my right honourable friend that the citizens selected will be high-class men, and no attention will be paid to their political views.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I am only asking who will select them.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I suppose they will be selected by the Governor in Council.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: That is the whole point.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My right honourable friend apparently thinks that somehow it may be possible through these boards to have preference given to supporters of the party in power. As I proceed he will find the boards are to have only two simple functions, in the exercise of which there could be no political bias; so I hope his suspicions will disappear. The fact is that no individual will be entitled to appear before the boards.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: The boards will not deal with individuals?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Only with classes?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Somebody will have to deal with individuals.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Will my right honourable friend bear with me? The statement is not very long.

It will be impossible, with a board of three, to have all the various phases of the economic life of the country represented on the board, but this will be kept in mind in the appointments, so that the members of the board will be fully conversant with the predominant industries of the district in which the board has jurisdiction.

These boards will be located at the same point as the headquarters of the military districts, except in the case of Prince Edward Island, where the headquarters will be in Charlottetown.

Each board will have a district registrar whose duty it will be to look after the administrative end of the organization and who will be answerable to the Department of National War Services.

The registrars for the constituencies, after they have classified the cards of all the single men, 19 to 45, into age groups, will then send these copies of cards in to the district registrar.

It will be his duty to direct the tabulation and indexing of these cards, so that he will have in his office a complete record of all single men between the said ages for the whole territory under the jurisdiction of the board.

As stated by the Minister of National Defence, the military authorities will indicate the number of single men they propose to train within a year in Canada, and the Department