

staff of the full responsibility for the disposition of troops in Canada. As the Bill now stands, the District Officer Commanding may have troops ordered by the Attorney General, and can compel the Adjutant General to continue to send him troops, though there might be a situation in another part of the country requiring those troops. On the question of the disposition of troops within Canada the Government at Ottawa must be supreme; they must assume the full responsibility, and there must be nothing in this Bill which would divest them of that responsibility. Therefore I move:

In line 31 substitute for the word "may" the word "shall"; and in line 36, substitute for the word "shall" the word "may."

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Would the honourable gentleman read the proviso now with those changes.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: Starting at line 25 it will read:

Provided that if the said District Officer Commanding, or other officer aforesaid considers that the services of the Active Militia in Districts other than the one of which he is in command are necessary for the purpose of suppressing or preventing any such actual or anticipated riot or disturbance, the said District Officer Commanding or other officer aforesaid shall notify the Adjutant-General of the number of officers and other ranks, together with their horses and equipment which he so considers necessary, of which number the said District Officer Commanding or other officer aforesaid shall be the sole judge, and upon receiving such notification the Adjutant-General may call out such of the Active Militia as in his judgment are available to meet the requirements of the said District Officer Commanding, or other officer aforesaid, as set forth in such notification, and shall cause them to be despatched to the said District Officer Commanding, or other officer aforesaid.

If the word "shall" were left in, the Adjutant General would be required to send any troops as long as the District Officer Commanding required, and he might thereby denude every part of the country of troops. By changing the "shall" to "may" you leave to the Adjutant General the full responsibility of the disposition of troops.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I would like the view of the leader of the Government and the honourable gentleman from Edmonton as to the desirability of making a further amendment in line 30:

The said District Officer Commanding or other officer aforesaid may notify the Adjutant-General, and so on.

I think after the word "aforesaid" it might be wise to insert the words, "with the approval of the Attorney General," because if the province is to be held responsible for the cost, the Attorney General ought to be consulted before they are called.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: No. The District Officer Commanding is a military commander who is given a task to do, and he must have the right to say what troops he requires, otherwise he will refuse to be responsible for the operation. That has been very carefully thought out. The District Officer Commanding says, "I need so many troops;" he asks for those troops from the Government at Ottawa; the Government at Ottawa has the higher right to say, "We will not give them to you, and you have to make the best use you can of what you have." That is a matter between soldiers.

The proposed amendment of Mr. Griesbach was agreed to.

New section 83, as amended, was agreed to.

New section 84 was agreed to.

On new section 85—form of requisition:

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: It will be necessary to make a slight change in this section. Clause 81 was amended by inserting the words "on his own motion." Here you have the form of requisition, and it occurs to me that it is based on the assumption that the Attorney General acts upon the requisition of a judge. You have to provide some further words for the case in which he acts on his own motion. I submit that this section 85 ought to be amended to read: "Whereas information has been received by me from responsible persons, or;" and then follow on with the present wording. The form would then provide that where the Attorney General is moved thereto by a judge he uses the present wording, and when he acts on his own motion he uses the form which I am now suggesting. I think this slight amendment is necessary.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Will the honourable member for Edmonton read the new form? We have before us the present one.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: Honourable gentlemen will observe at page 3 of the Bill that the form prescribed provides for the action of the Attorney General when moved thereto by a judge; but we have already amended a previous clause so as to provide that he may act on his own motion. Consequently the form has to be changed to meet either case. My amendment is that at the beginning there should be inserted these words: "Whereas information has been received by me from responsible persons." I offer that as an amendment to take the place of the words: "Whereas a notification has been received by me from the county (district) court judge having jurisdiction in such