

New Brunswick in many cases. Thank God a change has been made and these men no longer have the right to make the lists. Now my hon. friend is putting into the hands of these same people the right to make up the lists—and the Lord help any Liberal candidate who is trying to run in some portions of New Brunswick if these people have that right. If you provided that the municipal authorities should make the list, then you would have a board of three men and you would get justice. Or if you provided that the enumerator should take the affidavit of the applicant or of some other person that the party is or is not entitled to be added to the list, the condition would not be so bad. But it is wrong to leave it to the ipse dixit of this person whether a man shall or shall not go on the list. Worse than that: this man gives notice that he is going to sit some place on election day—and that place is just as liable to be five miles away as it is to be at the polling booth. He sits there and he has the right to make voters all day long. A woman comes in, tells her story, and if he wants to do so he gives her a certificate that she has the right to vote. If he does not want to give her such a certificate he gives a certificate of refusal and when she votes her ballot is placed in an envelope. The matter is absolutely in the hands of this partisan who sits as judge on election day.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Subject to appeal.

Mr. CARVELL: What is the good of an appeal? If the enumerator has a suspicion the woman will vote as he wants her to, he gives her the necessary certificate; in that case her ballot goes into the box and is counted. But if he does not want her to get the vote, he gives her a certificate of refusal, form W-2 in the Bill. On that certificate she has the right to vote, but her vote does not go into the ballot box; it goes into an envelope. Later on, if a candidate is willing to put up \$2,000 or \$3,000 to thresh the matter out before a judge, she will probably have her vote counted. Otherwise she cannot get it. This system may work out in the West where the people know something about it, but this is the most horrible piece of legislation, so far as elections in eastern Canada are concerned, that has ever been proposed in my day. I am not drawing up any fanciful objections. During the last nine years there has never been in my constituency an election in which men, who do not reside in New Brunswick, and who have no right to vote, have not been kept on the list.

[Mr. Carvell.]

They have been brought over from the United States in automobiles, or in trains in the winter time, and voted, then they have been immediately whisked away. As there was not a Liberal magistrate in the county, you could not arrest those men. Dozens and dozens of votes have been stolen in that way in every election during the last nine years.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: Who has made up this list that, according to the hon. gentleman, is such an infamous one?

Mr. CARVELL: Tory politicians.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: What particular Tory politician makes up the list in each county in New Brunswick?

Mr. CARVELL: One of them who is appointed by the Government, is the chairman of the board. What that man cannot do about voters' lists is in many cases, not worth knowing. I am giving actual facts. In the local election of 1912 in New Brunswick we deliberately challenged, at one polling division, either eight or nine men who did not reside in New Brunswick and had not resided in that province for years, but whose names had been kept on the lists. They took the oath and voted, and then took an automobile and got out of the country inside of two hours, and there was no way of getting at them.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: Who are the officials other than the sheriff?

Mr. CARVELL: I did not say the sheriff.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: I thought the sheriff was one.

Mr. CARVELL: I would trust the sheriff, no matter whether he was a Liberal or a Conservative. We have Liberal sheriffs and Conservative sheriffs. We have had them under both regimes. So far as sheriffs are concerned, we have not been treated very badly. I would trust any sheriff in New Brunswick to make up a list. If my hon. friend could devise some means of appointing sheriffs in New Brunswick, I would be perfectly satisfied.

Mr. W. H. BENNETT: I was asking the hon. gentleman for information, because I do not know who makes up those lists. Who are the three officials?

Mr. CARVELL: The lists are made up by the two municipal councillors of the parish. I suppose that would correspond with what you call a municipality in Ontario. The word "municipality" in my