

I was dealing, Mr. Speaker, with the representation, or rather lack of representation, of these constituencies in this Parliament. As respects the first two mentioned, there is no reason save the Government's deliberate neglect or intent, why they both are not represented in this Parliament at this very time. The vacancy in Temiskaming occurred, as already mentioned, on September 22nd, 1919; the vacancy in Kamouraska on October 14th. The Government had from those dates to authorize the issuance of writs for the by-elections. They waited almost till the very moment of the opening of this session to give this authorization. They knew Parliament would reassemble in February; they delayed the issuance of writs so that the elections could not be held until on in the month of April. Doubtless they thought that, as Parliament would then be in session, the presence of members in the constituencies to participate in the elections would be rendered more difficult. Whatever the reason, the effect of the Government's action has been to deprive the people of these ridings of a representation in this Parliament which they had a right to enjoy, and to render this House less representative than it otherwise would be. Why in the case of the last two vacancies