

the federal elections in the Northwest Territories, and I understood him to say that he was prepared to prove that.

Mr. INGRAM. No printed lists.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Yes.

Mr. INGRAM. I say that now. I say the hon. gentleman said there were no printed lists.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Where is the proof of that?

Mr. INGRAM. I thought I had the proof.

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. I wish to make an explanation.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I object. I have the floor.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The Minister of Justice has the floor.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I might help the hon. gentleman by referring to column 5987 of 'Hansard.'

Mr. M. S. McCARTHY. Will the hon. minister permit me? I do not think the Minister of Justice knew whether that list was printed at all or not. I do not think anybody knew, except, possibly, the hon. gentleman who ordered the list to be printed. It was discovered in this way. On the 6th of February I asked for a return of all voters' lists of the Northwest Territories, and the return came down on the 17th of April. On looking over those lists, I found that only one was printed, and I went to the King's Printer and asked him if I might have one of the printed Edmonton lists. That gentleman treated me in a very courteous way, but said he could not give me the list without getting the permission of some officer of the government. But the list was evidently printed in the Government Bureau, and I do not think the Minister of Justice knew that it was printed.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. What has that to do with the matter? The hon. member for East Elgin is able to take care of himself.

Mr. INGRAM. Let me say why I understood that the Minister of Justice knew that there were lists.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. No; I am trying to verify what the hon. gentleman said. I do not know what he said, but I think it was that I had stated last night that there were no printed lists in the Northwest Territories for a federal election. I challenge that statement, and I think the hon. gentleman said that he was prepared to prove it, and I think he immediately set out to produce the lists in order to prove that I had wilfully sought to mislead the House. I want my hon. friend to make good that statement.

Mr. INGRAM. What I attempted to prove was that there were printed lists.

Mr. FITZPATRICK.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. And to do that the hon. gentleman misrepresented what I said.

Mr. INGRAM. It is not necessary to misrepresent the hon. gentleman. If I said the hon. gentleman knew of something, and it is not true, I am willing to withdraw it.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. No; I may be wrong. Because I am always willing to accept my hon. friend's positive statement as against my recollection. If I made that statement, the hon. gentleman will find the record of it in 'Hansard.'

Mr. INGRAM. I do not care for 'Hansard.' Usually I quote it, but when an hon. gentleman undertakes to say that 'Hansard' is correct, we had the evidence only the other day that a question asked in this House was not to be found in 'Hansard.' No one pretends to say that 'Hansard' is correct. It is not. Every one knows that when the House is in committee there is a great deal said that does not appear in 'Hansard,' and I do not wonder at it, because frequently there is so much noise that it is impossible for the 'Hansard' men to take down accurately all that is said. When I asked last night if there were lists for the Northwest Territories, I understood the Minister of Justice to say that there were not. We were speaking about the Franchise law, and I was asking certain questions in regard to the Northwest Territories in connection with the amendments that had been made to that law. We are creating these Territories into provinces, and to my mind, the question of the lists was an important question. That is the reason. I had no object in attacking the Minister of Justice. I simply understood him to say that there were no lists in the Territories. I did not suppose that he knew anything about the printed lists. Evidently my hon. friend from Western Assiniboia (Mr. Scott) did not know anything about that, and I venture to say that many other members of that side did not know that there were printed lists. But what I do insist on knowing is who ordered the lists to be printed at the Government Bureau; why was the Conservative party, who have rights in this country, as well as the other side, debarred from having these printed voters' lists, and where did these lists come from? It ought to be the duty of the Minister of Justice to see that equal justice is dealt out to both parties. There are some things to which I propose to draw his attention in connection with his department that I do not believe he knows about himself, and before the session is over I shall do this.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I shall be glad indeed to have my attention drawn to anything that is being done in the department which is open to objection, but I trust that when he makes any statement regarding it, he will furnish me with the proofs.

Mr. INGRAM. I always do.