

may save a great deal of valuable time. The hon. member for Saskatchewan (Mr. Lamont) spoke as if he knew all about it and was perfectly satisfied with it. He says, that it means public schools. And he says that every man in his county is satisfied. He says this notwithstanding the thousands of petitioners that have been sent in declaring that they are not satisfied.

Mr. LAMONT. Where are the thousands of petitions from my district?

Mr. SPROULE. They have been presented to the House.

Mr. LAMONT. By whom?

Mr. SPROULE. By different members. Has the hon. member been, like Rip Van Winkle, asleep?

Mr. LAMONT. Would the hon. member name some place in Saskatchewan petitions from which have been presented to this House?

Mr. SPROULE. I can give him quite a number of places.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Name one.

Mr. ALEX. JOHNSTON. He gave the petition story away this afternoon.

Mr. SPROULE. I have only to say that I have not the paper by me here, but the hon. member knows that there are thousands of signatures to these petitions.

Mr. LAMONT. I have heard all of that. I say that so far as I know there has not been one of these submitted to the House from my district.

Mr. SPROULE. I do not know the outlines of the hon. member's district but I understood him to say that everybody in his county is satisfied. Is he aware of the resolutions passed in his own district saying the people are not satisfied?

Mr. LAMONT. In what place?

Mr. SPROULE. Where does he live?

Mr. LAMONT. In Prince Albert.

Mr. SPROULE. Is he not aware that the association there, the Orange Lodge in Prince Albert, deliberately passed a resolution?

Mr. LAMONT. When I spoke on the second reading of the Bill I said that the people of Prince Albert were so well satisfied that even the Prince Albert Orange Lodge had not sent me a petition. Subsequently, since the delivery of that speech, they sent me a resolution.

Mr. SPROULE. He has admitted now that everybody is not satisfied. I do not know the outlines of the hon. gentleman's constituency, but if I did could convince him that there are many more who speak in that way, because I have several letters which show that the hon. member cannot

possibly help knowing that there is a deep feeling of dissatisfaction with regard to the educational clauses of the Bill in that country and the hon. member must know it, and I cannot believe for a moment that he will stand up and support these clauses in the House.

Mr. LAMONT. With the exception of the Prince Albert Orange Lodge my recollection is that there is only one place in my district that has passed a resolution against the Bill. In Saskatoon a meeting was held and a resolution passed asking that no interference be made with provincial rights in relation to education, but the last clause of the resolution was one expressing earnest approval of the course of the hon. member for Brandon (Mr. Sifton).

Mr. SPROULE. That is when he went out of the cabinet as a protest against the Bill and that is why the association in Regina passed a strong resolution commending him for what he had done, but many of them have written him since saying that they regret to find that the cat came back, and now they cannot pass those eulogiums on him which they did before. When the hon. member says that the people are satisfied he is saying what I have information that convinces me he either does not know the sentiment of the people or he is misrepresenting it, one or the other. It is the very reverse of what he says. There is not a constituency in that country that has not expressed an opinion strongly against this by resolutions, petitions or otherwise, and in the face of that the contention is made that every one is satisfied. Why? Because of the amendment contemplated in this Bill, the amendment to clause 16.

Mr. LAMONT. I would like to ask if all the districts are as dissatisfied as the district of Edmonton?

Mr. SPROULE. As the district of Edmonton? I can tell the hon. member that right in Edmonton—and I am within the hearing of the present Minister of the Interior—there was considerable disturbance over it and great apprehensions of danger that a candidate would be put up because—and this comes from some of their own friends—there was a deep-seated dissatisfaction with regard to the educational clauses of this Bill. The minister knows that and he is sitting before me, and I will ask him to deny it if it is not so. If it is a fact, I have letters from his district which declare that although there were other considerations at stake which induced the people to go for him strongly in regard to these clauses, the people were not satisfied. In view of that is it not reasonable to ask what is going to be the effect of the amendment and let us have some time to consider that before we deal with the amendment. The strike that took place among the North-