

Mr. TAYLOR. He did not say anything of the kind. He said 15th.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. We cannot get anything straight now.

Mr. TAYLOR. No, they are all crooked over there.

Mr. FIELDING. Let the matter drop now and proceed with the Bill.

Mr. INGRAM. I made the statement that the hon. Minister of the Interior had been sworn in on the 15th April and that the nomination took place on the 25th. I have no means of knowing when the hon. gentleman was sworn in. I have to be governed by what I see, or read, or understand.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. Surely the hon. gentleman knows what took place in the House? It is on the records of the House that on the 10th April, Mr. Speaker announced that there was a vacancy in Edmonton and that he had issued his warrant for a new election.

Mr. INGRAM. Is that an hon. gentleman who is supporting this legislation?

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. I will take care of the legislation, but it does seem to me that it is a great waste of public money for the hon. gentleman to keep on discussing whether it is the 10th of April or the 15th of April, when he has the record before him to tell the date.

Mr. INGRAM. This so-called independent member; this man who has lost no opportunity to strike the government when he could with regard to this legislation, but who always takes mighty good care to strike the other fellow a little harder—

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. Is it striking very hard to call the attention of the hon. gentleman to the fact that after he makes the statement that he has no means of knowing, I point out that on page 4200 revised 'Hansard' he will find that the Speaker announced there was a vacancy in the electoral district of Edmonton and that he had issued his writ.

Mr. BLACK. The member for East Elgin (Mr. Ingram) is wasting time, and that is what he is here for.

Mr. INGRAM. I will take mighty good care that I will not say that one Doukhobor is worth 100 Englishmen.

Mr. BLACK. No Doukhobor would impose on his audience as the hon. member (Mr. Ingram) has imposed on this House to-day. He has hopped up and down off that seat twenty times to-day like a jack-in-the-box, and I leave it to any hon. gentleman on either side of the House if he has spoken ten sensible sentences in that time. The man who was elected to parliament by 18

of a majority, thinks, I suppose, that he can waste the time of the House—

Mr. INGRAM. If I did get up twenty times to-day I will not take up an hour of the time of the House to-morrow apologizing for what I have said to-day. My hon. friend (Mr. L. G. McCarthy) draws my attention to what is in 'Hansard,' but I can tell him that I am in this House oftener than he is, and that I am as well posted on 'Hansard,' although I do not know what appears in every page of it. This gentleman went up to Toronto denouncing the leader of the opposition, denouncing my friend from East Grey.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. Never.

Mr. INGRAM. He denounced them and other gentlemen because they did not rise in their might and denounce the government for introducing this iniquitous law. Where has he been ever since? Where has he been during all this discussion and what has he done since to defend the great Protestant people of this country?

An hon. MEMBER. Sproule is looking after them.

Mr. INGRAM. Of course he is, and the member for Simcoe (Mr. L. G. McCarthy) held out a big bluff in Toronto, but the people found him out and when he goes back to Simcoe next election—but he is not going back, he is going to be comfortably located before the next election and it will not be necessary for him to go back. On the 10th of April it was announced that a vacancy occurred in Edmonton and Mr. Oliver was sworn in on the 8th of April. How was it that the vacancy only occurred on the 10th, when the hon. gentleman was sworn in on the 8th of April.

Mr. OLIVER. The reason was that the House did not sit between the time I was sworn in and the time the announcement was made.

Mr. INGRAM. Well, the occasion was so important that it is a wonder the House did not sit specially for that purpose. Now that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) is in an answering mood, will he tell me whether it was at his expense that the printed lists were supplied to the enumerators and to his political friends up there?

Mr. OLIVER. I had nothing to do with the printing of any lists.

Mr. INGRAM. That is not answering my question. Now that we have the time amended by one week sooner, does the Minister of Customs think that ample time was given to fight an election in a district of that magnitude?

Mr. PATERSON. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Ingram) is wandering from the point. The question is that the statement was made here that the country was on flame, and yet