

through hon. gentlemen opposite will hear us by the hour.

An hon. MEMBER. That will not hurt us.

Mr. INGRAM. If there is to be any guerilla warfare we will give you enough of it before this legislation is through.

Mr. OLIVER. May I take the liberty of pointing out to the House and to the country that to-night we have been threatened with obstruction on this Bill. We want the House and the country to understand by whom the threat is made, in whose interest it is made, and if it is carried into effect who is responsible therefor.

Mr. INGRAM. I would like to point out to the hon. Minister of the Interior that if he hopes to succeed as a minister and employs the tactics that he is now using he will know what to expect. As far as I am individually concerned I have no hesitation in stating that legislation such as this is the most unfair that I ever remember having heard introduced into this House. The Conservative government were charged time and time again with introducing legislation which was unfair, but I challenge hon. gentlemen opposite to place their finger on a single particle of legislation that can equal the legislation introduced by the government on this occasion. I have no objection to telling the government and the hon. Minister of the Interior that I for one do propose to obstruct legislation of this kind. I am responsible for my own actions in this House and I have no hesitation in saying exactly where I stand on this question and no threat from the Minister of the Interior will debar me from doing what I conceive to be my duty in regard to it. The government have attempted to throttle the people of the Northwest Territories and to throttle the representatives of the people of the Northwest by bringing down a schedule of the kind they have brought down to this House.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Order.

Mr. INGRAM. My right hon. friend says 'order.' I want to say that if the right hon. First Minister had been considering the shortening of this session in the first instance when the Bills were introduced into this House he would have placed in the four corners of these Bills the schedules which rightly belong to them. It is charged openly and above board that these schedules were prepared at the time the Bills were introduced, and yet they came down and introduced these schedules last Friday long after the Bills had been presented to the House. It is clear then that the schedules were prepared when the Bills were introduced into the House. Is it by that means that the right hon. gentleman hopes to shorten the session? Does it lie in the mouth of the right hon. gentleman to call hon. members to order when they are making reference to the schedules contained in this Bill? No.

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I think not. That would be well enough for the hon. Minister of the Interior but it is hardly the size of the right hon. First Minister.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. We are on section No. 1 and my hon. friend (Mr. Ingram) must confine his remarks to section No. 1 and not to a section which is not before the committee.

Mr. INGRAM. I am quite well aware of the rights which I have in this House. I have been long enough in it to know exactly where I stand on that point. I can place myself in order very quickly and I propose to do it.

Mr. SPROULE. You are in order now.

Mr. INGRAM. Perfectly in order.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The hon. member (Mr. Ingram) says he has been here long enough to know what is relevant to this clause under discussion.

Mr. INGRAM. I submit to the good judgment of the chairman because he has shown good judgment since he has been chairman of committees in this House. I was dealing with a question but I will drop it for the moment because I do not wish to prolong the discussion. I know that I am not trespassing on the rules of the House. That is all I will say at present.

Mr. SPROULE. The remarks of the hon. Minister of the Interior (Mr. Oliver), it seems to me, were quite unnecessary and uncalled for, and if the hon. minister desired to prevent the passage of this measure, he could not have taken any means to accomplish it more effectively than the course which he has endeavoured to pursue. The tone of the remarks which the hon. gentleman gave vent to and the fact that he endeavours to treat members of the opposition as though they had no rights in this House, certainly will not assist us in the consideration of this measure. From the first stage of this measure to the present the information that we have received is that the members from the Northwest Territories have considered this and decided so and so, and that the hon. Minister of the Interior has considered it and decided so and so, thereby assuming that the balance of the 214 members of this House have no rights whatever. They have no right to exercise a judgment on this measure, but they are simply here to register the decree of the nine or ten members from the Northwest who have met together and arranged something for their own purposes—I was going to say for their own political or party purposes—and that all the opposition can do is to register a decree of obedience to the will of these few Liberal members from the Northwest Territories. The sooner the Minister of the Interior learns that other members in this House have rights as well as