

# FRANCHISE BOARDS REVIVED IN PROVINCE

## New Machinery to Prepare the Voters' Lists

### WOMEN AND SOLDIERS

Will Act Somewhat on Lines of Present Registrars in Cities—There Will be a Final Revision—Refining Ores in Canada.

"The Government has reached the conclusion that the old law adopted by this Legislature many years ago of an independent official tribunal in every county should be established as a board of registration to take charge of the preparation of voters' lists, was the statement of the Hon. I. B. Lucas in the Legislature yesterday when introducing legislation to provide the machinery to get the women and soldiers who have been granted the franchise put on the lists. The boards would name the enumerators. The new lists would contain the names of all the women who were entitled to vote, and all the soldiers who would come under the legislation recently passed, as well as the men entitled to manhood suffrage votes, and anyone who was entitled to a vote and was not on Part I.

#### Using the Machinery.

Explaining the measure, the Attorney-General said, assuming a general election was in sight, or, for that matter, a by-election, the Government would issue a proclamation calling upon these registration boards throughout the Province, at whatever time may be desirable, to prepare the voters' lists. In the city of Toronto it would be the same board of nine who are now there. In the counties it would be the two Judges where there were two Judges, the Sheriff, the Clerk of the County Court, and the County Crown Attorney—a board of five. That board would meet. They have nothing directly to do with the enumeration of the voters. The registration board would have upon them the burden of naming the enumerators.

#### Registrars for Each County.

They were called registrars for each county in the various ridings in that county. As a matter of saving expense, and in order to have a good list, the Government had thought it was better to enumerate the voters than attempt to place all the new voters on the municipal assessment voters' list or attempt to have a personal registration in the large centres.

#### Where Do Assessors Come In?

Mr. Rowell referred to the taking of the compilation out of the hands of the assessors who have hitherto dealt with the matter and putting it in the hands of the new body created under the act. He would like to know what procedure the Government was proposing to follow under the act. Was it modeled upon existing legislation?

Hon. Mr. Lucas—It is practically modeled on the registration system now in force in all cities, with the necessary alterations to make them fit into somewhat different conditions.

#### The Final Revision.

The Attorney-General stated that there was provision for a final revision before a member of the board, and in the cities there was provision that three of the registrars sit