

LOOKS AS THOUGH ROGERS CONTROLS THE SITUATION

Bulk of Conservatives Are Said to be Drifting to His Standard—Franchise Bill Likely

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OTTAWA, Aug. 19.—There is now every indication that, prior to dissolution and election, the Government will bring down a "Franchise Bill"—and a fairly stiff one, too. The Government itself may not be aware of the fact, and Premier Borden may not yet have reached a decision. Conservatives in the House have, however, decided upon this course of action, and at present they have the bit in their mouth, and Hon. Robert Rogers for their leader de facto.

They are determined upon a Franchise Bill which will disfranchise all naturalized **aliens** and their children for a certain number of years, the time of its duration to be specified. The strong feeling was made manifest in the House at yesterday's sitting, when Mr. R. B. Bennett (Calgary), speaking during the discussion of the Northwest Mounted Police estimates, protested against the diminution of that force. It was needed, he declared amid pronounced approval, to cope with **alien enemies**. In more than a dozen cases recently, the Calgary man declared, barns and crops had been destroyed presumably by "the **enemy** within our gates."

The situation within the Conservative party in Parliament seems to be rapidly nearing a crisis. Premier Borden, Sir Thomas White and Hon. Arthur Meighen, with Sir Clifford Sifton, are understood to be working out plans of their own, while the bulk of the Conservative members of the House, restive under procrastination and delay, are rapidly drifting to the standard of Hon. Robert Rogers. It looks as though Mr. Rogers now commands the situation.