

*By Mr. MacNicol:*

Q. In the time you have allocated have you allowed for final revision before a judge?—A. You mean, appeals to a judge?

Q. Yes.—A. That would take another three or four days. I have abridged the time, I am suggesting an abridgment here in regard to appeals.

Q. But the appeal court judge is not included in your schedule?—A. That is not included, no; as a matter of fact at the last general enumeration I think there were only four appeals. I do not think there were any in this last revision.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. You have a pretty good idea of some of these extensive ridings, such as we have in places in the west like northern Saskatchewan; or take for instance Skeena—I think you have a very good knowledge of them, it is rather an extreme case—do you think it would be possible to do that job according to your schedule in a riding like Skeena or some of the ridings in the north?—A. I should think so. You could not have the lists printed, they would have to be typewritten. For instance, from a place like York Factory nobody could get the lists in to civilization to have them printed and sent back again in time. Typewritten lists would be handed to the deputy returning officer in a case like that.

Q. Take Skeena for instance, take the Queen Charlotte Islands—a place like Telegraph Creek and all those other different points in that riding—it would not be possible to get mail in there?—A. That might be, there might be some difficulty in respect to isolated parts of certain constituencies.

Mr. TURGEON: I might say for the information of the committee that I know of a case of a poll in my riding at which they had no warning or notice of the election at all until election morning.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: In various ridings there are dozens of places you could not reach.

WITNESS: As a matter of fact we met that difficulty both with respect to enumeration as well as to the revision of the 1935 lists. We had about 15 outlying electoral districts where aeroplanes had to be used, and even then we found it was difficult to get the lists to these points. This proposal will, however, cover the vast majority of cases.

*By Mr. McIntosh:*

Q. Do you think that would be applicable in large northern constituencies if you did use the aeroplane, in that time?—A. Except in between seasons when a plane could not get in, yes. It would be expensive.

Q. The point I was trying to get at, Colonel Thompson, with regard to the final revision was this: I noticed in the North Battleford riding in the recent election that the constituency registrar just posted a certain number of notices that he was going finally to revise the list.—A. Yes.

Q. But half of the polling division never knew of the final revision.—A. Under this scheme it would not be the registrar. The revising officer will post one of these notices in every polling division, in his own polling division.

Q. That is better.—A. And to that list of electors he appends others that he thinks ought to be added.

Q. They will give the time, place, and so forth?—A. Yes, exactly, where he, himself, as assistant revising officer, is going to sit.

*By Mr. Heaps:*

Q. Would it not be desirable to make exceptions in certain cases?—A. There is general provision in the statute, the Franchise Act, for enlarging the time where it might be that the ordinary date set cannot be complied with.