

Re late opening of poll.

Poll 9 was not prepared for voting until CCF scrutineers complained to the Returning Officer. Sixteen voters presented themselves for voting and left without marking ballots between opening time and the time one hour and some minutes later when the poll was at last ready to receive voters. It is not known whether some or all of these were thereby deprived of their votes.

Re Change of Location of Polling Stations without Notice.

The location of polling stations was changed on polling day without ensuring that voters knew of the change in Polls 42, 69 and 111.

Re Voting More than Once in the same election.

A voter purporting to be Sgt. A. Lefrançois (SL-41789) voted at the poll for Service personnel, and also at poll 26.

Other Reported Incidents.

At poll 76 there was no oath of secrecy taken.

At poll 85, there were no counterfoils on the ballots that were presented by voters to the DRO for insertion in the ballot box.

OTTAWA, August 18 1949.

JOHN O. PROBE, Esq.,
2043 Argyle Street,
Regina, Sask.

Dear Mr. PROBE:

I duly received your letter of the 26th ultimo with its enclosures.

A copy of the above mentioned will be attached to the report on the last General Election that I propose to make to the Speaker of the House of Commons, pursuant to section 58 of The Dominion Elections Act, 1938.

After giving careful consideration to the representations that you make, especially to those referring to the rejected ballot papers during the recount of the votes polled in the electoral district of Regina City at the last General Election, I have come to the conclusion that the situation calls for the institution of an inquiry under the provisions of section 70 of The Dominion Election Act, 1938.

I am now making arrangements for the holding of such inquiry and will advise you in due course of the details of these arrangements.

Your very truly,

(Sgd.) JULES CASTONGUAY,
Chief Electoral Officer.

2043 Argyle Street,
Regina, Sask.,
September 12, 1949.

Mr. JULES CASTONGUAY,
Chief Electoral Officer,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. CASTONGUAY:—

I have been expecting to receive further details subsequent to your letter of August 18, on the subject of your promised enquiry into suspected irregularities in the conduct of the Federal election on June 27, for a member to represent Regina City in the House of Commons.