

Q. Now how have you found that to work out?—A. Is the present chief electoral officer here? We have at the present time discussed two or three cases with Mr. Biggar, and he has made some changes in his proclamation. He admitted that he thought the Act was a little circumscribed.

Q. Take a constituency like the one of West York, which is partly urban and partly rural, and yet there is a large terminal point at Mimico. A large number of C.N.R. men live in New Toronto and Mimico. The registrar may live in Weston, miles away. How do you make that convenient?—A. We urge the same procedure as under the Ontario Act. There is no trouble about the Ontario Act.

Q. How does it work? Briefly, tell us about that point. There are not many advanced polls. If the registrar was required to attend at these advanced polls he would be convenient, but that might interfere with the performance of his other duties?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. McPherson:*

Q. Would the advanced polls be held at a time before the registration was completed?—A. Three days before election.

Q. Is not the registrar out of town before the advanced polls are open?—A. No. They may drop in there the very day of the last poll.

*By Mr. Boys:*

Q. Your objection is that the electors are put to the trouble of obtaining the certificates from the registrar?—A. In the rural communities it is the returning officer, and they are generally quite convenient.

Q. You are not objecting to the electors going to the revising officers in the urban polling divisions.—A. The whole trouble is that at the poll where a man is supposed to vote, the Deputy Returning Officer is not there.

*By Mr. Anderson (Toronto-High Park):*

Q. The Deputy Returning Officer in charge of the advanced poll must be there. Why could he not issue the certificate?—A. That is what we ask.

*By Mr. Kennedy:*

Q. That is exactly what your amendment suggests.—A. Yes.

Q. Say the voting day came about the middle of the week; commercial men are in for the week-end. They are clamouring for a change in that regard. How would it operate in their case?—A. Well, if a commercial man was home on a Saturday, say, and the election was on a Monday, he could go on Saturday and make his declaration and vote right there.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Mr. Anderson's objection is, if the election took place on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, the man would be out of luck.—A. Well, we cannot see any other way out of it. We are not at all blind to anything that might arise in connection with an Act, and for that reason we have no objection at all to having this declaration made stronger even than Ontario's declaration. But if in your wisdom you think it is not possible we are not going to growl about it.

*By Mr. Boys:*

Q. Just say in a few words what it is you believe the railway men want in this connection. Do they want to eliminate the certificate entirely?—A. No.

Q. Do you know of any objection to the elimination of the certificate?—A. No. We did not think it would be possible to get that, though we did talk it over, and thought that it ought to be.

[Mr. L. L. Pelletier.]