

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, in our final report we will deal with each one of the subjects referred to us and we will state what we have done. So far as redistribution is concerned, we have not considered it yet. It has been mentioned on a few occasions, but we are not in a position to make any recommendation as to what should be done regarding redistribution.

Mr. HEAPS: My point is that you have turned down two points referred to us which, some of us thought might bring about a fairer representation in this house. Those two points have been discarded for reasons which I suppose, the members feel are just and proper.

Mr. MACNICOL: I do not think you could say that we thought; you should say that it was alleged.

Mr. HEAPS: We will not quibble over a word. The question of the redistribution of seats should appear in connection with our report in regard to P.R. and the alternative vote, and should be referred to now.

The CHAIRMAN: We will try to word that to meet the wishes of the committee. It certainly is not disposed of, and is a matter for study next year.

Mr. RICKARD: I would like to ask Mr. Butcher whether he has dealt with the point of where school-teachers and students should vote. That happened to come up in our riding. It is a question of whether they shall vote at their homes or where they teach.

WITNESS: That was one of the items in the suggestions made that instead of an advance poll being authorized only for a given area in a rural electoral district, it should be established for the whole electoral district.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: The question asked was, where will the school-teacher vote—where she teaches, or where her home is?

WITNESS: I thought it would come within that.

Mr. RICKARD: There was a great difference of opinion in our riding, and the registrar decided one way, and the matter was referred to the judge and he decided the other way. The point was whether the teacher should vote where she taught or where her home is.

The CHAIRMAN: Possibly we ought to have another clause there that the act should be clarified to show where teachers should vote in order to bring it to our attention.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: It is merely a detail; but a note should be made of it for our future consideration.

Mr. RICKARD: I do not think it is a detail; I think it is very important.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Please do not misunderstand me. What I mean is that it could be noted for consideration next year as we cannot consider it this year.

The committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.