

By Mr. Boys:

Q. I think we understand your point, Mr. Myers.—A. Is there any other question you would like to ask?

Q. Your indictment, if I may so call it— —A. Oh, pardon me—

Q. I use the word "indictment." It is not so much an indictment, probably, or a vote of want of confidence in election officers, as it is a statement in regard to the psychological position of the voter himself. The position is that the blind man does not want to declare his vote to a stranger?—A. That is it exactly; that is the very strong point.

Q. It is not an indictment of the efficiency or interest of the election officers? —A. No, it is not.

Witness retired.

The CHAIRMAN: There is a gentleman here by the name of Mr. Guy. I believe he comes from Ottawa, and has some observations to make. If it is the pleasure of the Committee, we shall hear him at this time.

WILLIAM EDWARD GUY called and sworn.

By the Chairman:

Q. Where do you reside?—A. Mr. Chairman, I want to make a correction as you have referred to me as of Ottawa but I am from Vancouver.

Q. Now, Sir, will you tell the committee everything which might be of assistance in modifying the present Elections Act?—A. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee, I first wish to suggest that the deposit of \$200 be removed for the purpose of assisting independent and other candidates who may honestly have the interests of the country at heart in seeking election. There are those who believe we are justified in offering ourselves for election as independent candidates in federal and provincial elections. We feel we should do this for the purpose of rendering an impartial service to the country. My ambition has been to introduce legislation covering national insurance and this has been my platform in elections I have contested in Calgary East for the federal house and South Vancouver for the provincial legislature.

By Mr. Boys:

Q. Do you appear here on your own behalf?—A. I appear here, sir, as a candidate.

Q. You were in Ottawa on some other business and have appeared here just by chance?—A. Yes, I happened to see the announcement in the press and I availed myself of the opportunity.

Q. Did you hear of the movement in Ontario to impose the \$200 deposit?—A. Yes.

Q. Did you appear before any committee in the province of Ontario?—A. No, I did not because I am not interested in the province of Ontario.

Q. You said you had been a candidate in East Calgary? Did you oppose Mr. Adshead?—A. Absolutely.

Q. When I interrupted I thought it was very desirable for this committee to know whether you represented any body of people or merely as an individual.—

A. I am here for myself, probably some day I may represent a much greater body.

By Mr. Hanson:

Q. What party did you represent in East Calgary?—A. I was an Independent, and offered myself for the sole purpose of placing before the people of that constituency the desirability of social insurance legislation.

Q. How many votes did you get?—A. Well, I was credited with 123.