

*By Mr. Hanson:*

Q. In many cases you suggest that seven days is enough?—A. I have always thought it was a mistake to go back to seven days; everybody would be as pleased if it were fourteen days. There is no advantage whatever in seven days. It creates an administrative difficulty which always seems to be unnecessary and was I think originally based on a misconception of the advantage or disadvantage of early nominations. However, the committee at that time took the other view, but there are certain cases where undoubtedly a seven-day period is too short.

*By Mr. Totzke:*

Q. Have you any electoral division which allows more than seven days?—A. There are twenty-five or thirty of them which have fourteen days.

*By Mr. Hanson:*

Q. Do you wish to extend that time?—A. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: I think if anybody comes before the committee and states that in his constituency there should be fourteen days between nomination and polling, I think the committee would recommend it.

*By Mr. Kennedy:*

Q. If two weeks were allowed, for instance, in Wetaskiwin, Acadia or Red Deer, do you think that would be sufficient in a district like Peace River?—A. Peace River already has two weeks.

Q. If you had two weeks for Acadia, Camrose, Wetaskiwin, Neepawa, and so forth, should it not be more in Peace River?—A. If Peace River were double its size you would only have two weeks. You cannot allow more than that.

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

Q. Is not seven days too short in a great majority of the constituencies?—A. I think the old rule of fourteen days everywhere was really a sound rule.

Q. We have found it too short in a city like Toronto. A. I think it is too short. I think the reason which led the committee to make the change in 1925 was based upon a misconception of the situation; it should have been left at fourteen days everywhere.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions to ask Colonel Biggar in regard to the Act in general, not only on the matters he has discussed? If not, we will adjourn.

The committee adjourned.