

Mr. CASTONGUAY: The same ballot, but there is a wide space provided at the bottom and the name of the two candidates may be written in that space without difficulty.

Mr. MACNICOL: The voter writes two names on the ballot?

Mr. CASTONGUAY: Yes.

Mr. MACNICOL: Should not there be a space saying, "I vote for" and "I vote for"?

Mr. CASTONGUAY: It would mean that different specimens of ballot papers would have to be provided, and it would mean that the voting official would have to be provided with two different kinds of ballot papers.

Mr. MACNICOL: Only in those two ridings.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: Oh, yes, but the electors are not only in the one voting place; the electors are scattered all over Canada, and every hospital, and every military camp. A proper distribution of special ballot papers might be difficult.

The CHAIRMAN: I think Mr. Castonguay has won that point, certainly. Shall it carry?

Carried.

Now, there is a further section—section 48, which will have to go in, and it states:

48. This Act shall come into force on the date upon which it is assented to, subject to section 110 of The Dominion Elections Act, 1938. Provided that, notwithstanding the said section 110, sections two, three and four of this Act shall come into force on the date upon which it is assented to.

That is moved by Mr. MacInnis.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: Section 110 of the Act provides that no amendment shall come into force for three months after it is passed unless I publish a notice in the *Canada Gazette* that all the preparatory work has been completed. If no special coming-into-force date is provided it will mean that section 8 of the Act will not be operative until after such notice has been printed and I do not expect that the said notice will be printed before three months' time.

It is very necessary now that returning officers be appointed in new electoral districts. Several new electoral districts were created by the Representation Act of 1947. Under the present provision the appointment of these returning officers cannot be made because the Act provides only for the appointment of returning officers where a vacancy exists. So I suggest this amendment in order to make it possible for the appointment of those returning officers as soon as the Act is passed. Also, bill 198 prescribes that the taxation of election accounts is to be made in my office instead of in the office of the Auditor-General. Well, if this coming-into-force provision is not adopted it will mean that no steps can be taken to get a staff to tax those accounts until the three months are passed, which may be a serious handicap to the work of my office.

Mr. MACNICOL: Did we not pass that last year?

Mr. CASTONGUAY: There was nothing said about it last year.

Mr. MACNICOL: I thought we passed that matter about the accounts.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: It was all fixed up, sir, but it does not go into force until three months after the passing of this Act.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the title carry?

Mr. MACINNIS: Just a minute; is the proposed amendment which you have just read to take the place of section 110?

The CHAIRMAN: No, it is section 48.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: It is on account of section 110.