

APPENDIX

RE-ARM THE ELECTORATE!

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Our Saskatchewan Government represents about 50 per cent of the electorate. Will the Dominion Government represent 30 per cent of the people of Canada after October 14? Are we going to be ruled by a minority?

We wish to bring to the attention of the people a new method of counting the transferable ballot whereby the whole electorate will be represented fairly. Below we show the results of voting using three different systems. The candidates are Brown, Robb, Jones and Smith. Under the present system of voting Brown is elected but represents only 40 per cent of the electorate. Under the Alberta system, as recently explained in the Montreal Witness, Robb is elected, although he represents only 30 per cent of the electorate as first choice, 5 per cent as second choice and 16 per cent as third choice. By the new method which we advocate Smith would be elected and we will show that he represents more fairly the majority of the electorate, although, the Alberta system would drop him out on the first count.

We shall criticize each system in turn.

The present system stands condemned as shown, without further argument. Taking 100 as the total number of ballots cast.

Present system:—

	Elected
Brown..	40
Robb..	30
Jones..	20
Smith..	10

The Alberta system is an improvement on this but still unfair. In this system the ballots are marked, first, second, third and fourth choice. Taking 100 ballots the results would be tabulated as follows:—

First count—First choice

Brown..	40
Robb..	30
Jones..	20
Smith..	10

Smith is now dropped out and his ten votes are distributed among Brown, Robb and Jones by reference to the second choices.

Second count:—

Brown..	40 and 2 from Smith..	42
Robb..	30 and 5 from Smith..	35
Jones..	20 and 3 from Smith..	23
Smith—dropped out.		

Jones is low man and is now dropped out and his votes distributed between Brown and Robb by reference to the second and third choices on his ballots.

Third count:—

Brown..	42 and 7 from Jones..	49
Robb..	35 and 16 from Jones..	51

Robb is now elected.