

We therefore strongly recommend that the Elections Act be amended in such a manner as to allow the large number of qualified voters, not covered by Section 17, but out of their constituencies on Election Day, to vote by absentee ballot.

Very truly yours,

SUMMER SESSION STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

(sgd) A. J. LONGMORE,

President.

AJL: sr

Item No. 14

JUDGE'S CHAMBERS
OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO

JUNE 12, 1952.

Mr. Jules Castonguay,
Chief Electoral Officer,
Parliament Bldgs.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Castonguay:

re: Mariners Proxies

I have received a communication from Mr. Colin E. Bennett, M.P. for North Grey, with respect to this matter and he has sent me a copy of *Hansard* which deals with the last discussion that took place in connection with Mariners Proxies.

Permit me to state that probably the County of Grey, with the exception of possibly Toronto and other large ports, has had extensive experience with mariners proxies, and having been Chairman of the Election Board for this County at Provincial Elections, extending over a period of 20 years, I think I am in a position to make a fair statement respecting this matter. Last time when this matter was discussed apparently you did not have the advice of any Judge or Revising Officer who has had experience in dealing with mariners proxies.

Generally speaking, in the Provincial Elections, none of the Parties have watched this matter very carefully and the consequence was that many of these mariners were denied a vote because none of these Political Parties knew the law and did not realize that they should get after these proxies as soon as the Writ of Election has been issued.

However, I have a vote here on June 21st under the Liquor Licence Act 1946 Ontario and all the parties have diligently endeavoured to secure all the proxies they could and the result is, up to date I have granted 58 proxies out of a possible 80 in Owen Sound.

I hope you will take the contents of this letter into consideration and seriously consider bringing in necessary legislation at the present Session if possible.

Yours truly,

(sgd) G. W. Morley, Judge.

MRL