

The following suggestions received from Members of Parliament, filed on March 5 by Mr. Butcher and contained in page 1 of the evidence of that day, were severally taken up:—

- (1) Proportional Representation and the Alternative Vote should be considered.

Consideration was postponed.

- (2) Registration should be compulsory—

- (a) At least in urban electoral districts.
(b) Advisable in rural electoral districts.

Consideration was postponed.

- (3) Voting should be compulsory—

- (a) And an identification card system adopted.

Consideration was postponed.

- (4) The Government should bear a substantial portion of the candidates' election expenses—

On motion of Mr. Turgeon,—

Resolved,—That the Committee negative the suggestion.

- (a) A candidate's expenses should be limited by law to a certain amount per head of the voting population of the constituency in which he is running.

Mr. McLean (*Simcoe East*) moved that the Committee negative the suggestion.

Mr. Glen suggested that Mr. McLean's motion be not put until a later date.

By permission, Mr. McLean withdrew his motion.

Further consideration was postponed.

- (5) Election day should be a public holiday—

- (a) Or at least from one P.M. till the close of poll.

Stood over for further discussion.

- (6) Candidates should be permitted to hire cars to take voters to the polls.

On motion of Mr. McCuaig,—

Resolved,—That the suggestion be negatived.

- (7) Contribution from powerful corporations should be curbed—

- (a) There should be publication of all subscriptions received.

Stood over for further discussion.

- (8) Closed Lists should be abolished in rural constituencies and in rural polls in urban constituencies.

Stood over for further discussion.

- (9) The absentee vote should be abolished (as costly and ineffective), (5,334 votes cast; 1,533 rejected; 3,801 valid; printing \$16,000; total cost approximately \$250,000). (About \$65.00 per valid vote.)

Stood over for further discussion.