

Mr. McLURE: If there had been a special ballot and a place for two names it would have been all right.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: Section 19 of the regulations on page 58 states:

19. Each Defence Service elector and Veteran elector shall vote only for one candidate, unless he is qualified to vote in the electoral district of Halifax in the province of Nova Scotia or in the electoral district of Queens in the Province of Prince Edward Island, both of which return two members to serve in the House of Commons; in the case only of the said electoral districts of Halifax and Queens, the Defence Service electors and the Veteran electors may vote for two candidates.

Now, on page 90 of bill 198, paragraph 5, it is stated:

Each defence service elector shall vote for only one candidate (unless he is qualified to vote in the electoral district of Halifax, N.S., or Queens, P.E.I., in which case he may vote for two candidates).

Mr. McLURE: A ballot like that will be used and the two names are run; but will there be a special ballot?

Mr. CASTONGUAY: No special ballot paper is provided.

Mr. McLURE: It would be perfectly right to have two names on the ballot?

Mr. CASTONGUAY: Certainly. What I am reading from is the card of instructions which is posted up in every voting place.

Mr. MACINNIS: There is a special ballot provided for two member constituencies in the regular vote?

Mr. CASTONGUAY: In the ordinary vote.

Mr. MACINNIS: In the ordinary vote. That is on page 43. Why not, in order to put the matter beyond the possibility of trouble, have ballots made with a space for two names similar to the ballot on page 94 excepting that there will be two names and say in both cases: "I vote for" and "I vote for". There is no reason why that should not be done, is there?

Mr. CASTONGUAY: The distribution of special ballots might prove to be difficult. The voting official might find it very inconvenient to have to handle two different ballot papers.

Mr. MACINNIS: You have two different ballot papers for the ordinary vote.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: It is the same ballot paper; but there is a different specimen.

Mr. MACINNIS: You have to provide more spaces on the ballot.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: The ballot paper is the same as in single member constituencies, but the difference is that for ordinary voting a voter votes by making a cross and in the other case he has to write the name of the candidate.

Mr. MACNICOL: Why would not the ballot have spaces for those two ridings?

Mr. MACINNIS: I do not see any difficulty.

Mr. MACNICOL: Do you not think it should be done? There are only two ridings like that in Canada.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: It might be confusing to the voting official.

Mr. MACINNIS: According to Mr. McLure there is confusion now.

Mr. CASTONGUAY: I have not received any complaints. This is the first complaint I have heard.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you get a larger percentage of rejected ballots from the two member constituencies than in the others?

Mr. McLURE: It would be better on this ballot if there was one extra line.

Mr. MACNICOL: Is the voter handed two ballots in those two ridings?