

In addition to these suggestions there are others made by the Chief Electoral officer, which will be found in the evidence in the report of the committee on March 5; also suggestions made by the Dominion Franchise Commissioner, which will be found in the same day's proceedings.

*By Hon. Mr. Stevens:*

Q. You did not mention my submission on the point system?—A. Well, Mr. Chairman, I concluded that was one of the systems of proportional representation or alternative voting that had already been before the committee.

Q. The committee did not consider it?—A. No.

The CHAIRMAN: Except in a way. It was referred to in the point system that is used in Finland.

WITNESS: Yes, I referred to it there.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: It has never been considered by the committee. Each time I brought it up it was put off.

Mr. HEAPS: The point did not go home.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: No.

WITNESS: It was referred to once.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: I suggest it should be considered.

The CHAIRMAN: So that it will be on the record I think we might add an additional clause there to the effect that the suggestion was made by Mr. Stevens.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: So long as that is done, that is all I am concerned about at the moment. Add it to your list.

WITNESS: Yes; the point system of voting should be considered.

The CHAIRMAN: It will not be overlooked.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: I should like to make a suggestion and that is we should recommend in our report that the statements submitted by Mr. Butcher should be referred to him and to the electoral officer and the Chief Franchise officer for classification and study, so that when the new committee is appointed next year they will have before them those suggestions properly classified with the findings or suggestions of the officers of the Crown and Mr. Butcher; so that when we do come to consider them they can be disposed of promptly. Otherwise, if the committee had to study them *de novo*, they would find the task would be beyond the time of the committee as it is a very formidable list.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, that is so.

Mr. MACNICOL: Before very long the government is going to bring in a new franchise act and the question will be considered as to whether or not it is desirable to continue the two officers in the ridings, the registrar and the returning officer. In Mr. Butcher's first recommendation he referred to the registrars—

The CHAIRMAN: I think possibly we might cover that by adding a statement that a computation of expenses of election and the opportunity of reducing costs of election might be considered by these officials to go into the report next year.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: I presume that would arise out of what has transpired out of the study so far.

Mr. HEAPS: Are we to meet again this year?

The CHAIRMAN: Just to receive the report.

Mr. GLEN: Was redistribution mentioned?

WITNESS: No.

[Mr. Harry Butcher.]