

For the effective functioning of these regulations, it is further recommended that The Dominion Elections Act, 1938, be amended as follows, such amendments to be in force only at a general election held during the present war and during a period of six months thereafter, viz:—

- (a) That the day fixed for the close of official nomination of candidates at a general election shall be the twenty-eighth day before polling day.
- (b) That the returning officer of each electoral district shall, immediately after three o'clock in the afternoon of nomination day, communicate to the Chief Electoral Officer by telegraph, the names and surnames of all candidates officially nominated in his electoral district as these appear on the nomination papers.
- (c) That the Chief Electoral Officer shall, on a day not later than Monday next following polling day, advise, by telegraph, the returning officer of every electoral district as to the total number of votes cast by war service electors, under the *Canadian War Service Voting Regulations, 1944*, in every voting territory established within and without Canada, for each candidate in his electoral district, and that the returning officer shall thereupon deal with such telegraphic communication as though it were a statement of the poll received from a deputy returning officer.
- (d) That the time at which the returning officer for each electoral district shall add up the number of votes cast for the several candidates shall not be earlier than Tuesday the eighth day after polling day.
- (e) That if the result of the vote taken under the *Canadian War Service Voting Regulations, 1944*, has not been communicated by the Chief Electoral Officer to the returning officer on the day fixed for the final addition of the votes, the returning Officer shall adjourn the proceedings to a future day and hour.

Your Committee further recommends that every person who, while on active service with the Naval, Military or Air Forces of Canada, became a prisoner of war and is officially recorded as such at Headquarters, shall be entitled to vote by proxy, on a special certificate issued by the Chief Electoral Officer. Such certificate shall be issued not earlier than two weeks before polling day to the person officially recorded at Headquarters as the next of kin of such prisoner of war, provided such next of kin is qualified to vote as a civilian elector.

Your Committee was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Harry Butcher, K.C., as Counsel. Mr. Butcher has made an exhaustive study of the electoral systems of the democratic countries of the world and is recognized as an authority in this field.

Your Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the co-operation received from Mr. Jules Castonguay, Chief Electoral Officer, and from his assistant, Mr. Donald Stewart. Mr. Castonguay's knowledge, gained from long experience in connection with electoral matters, has been of invaluable assistance.

A printed copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence taken is appended.

(For Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, etc., accompanying said Report, see Appendix to the Journals, No. 1)