

## Item No. 23

## THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Office of the general manager

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DECEMBER 8, 1953.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill,  
Secretary of State,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Pickersgill:

Further to our presentation of our Policy Statement to the Cabinet, I note in today's Press reference to the referral of a resolution concerning Redistribution of Seats to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

In this connection, I am enclosing for your information and consideration a copy of the Policy Statement of The Canadian Chamber of Commerce dealing with Redistribution of Federal Constituencies. I am also enclosing the Policy Statement dealing with Federal Advance Polls.

We should be pleased to have your comments on these Policies after you have had an opportunity to review them.

Yours sincerely,

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(Sgd.) D. L. Morrell.

*Federal Advance Polls*

The Chamber believes that any qualified voter who signed a sworn statement to the effect that he or she would be unable to vote on polling day at the ordinary polling station due to absence for cause should be able to vote at an advance poll, and that advance polling stations should be opened sufficiently far in advance of election day to accommodate those who would make use of them.

The Chamber, therefore, urges the Federal Government to provide for the greatly extended use of advance polls in federal elections.

*Redistribution of Federal Constituencies*

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce further urges that the Federal Government make provision for constituency redistribution by a judicial committee.

(Extract from Policy Declarations and Resolutions as passed at the 24th Annual Meeting of The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, held in Edmonton, September 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1953.)