

Chicoutimi and Saguenay in the House of Commons is about to be held, that communication by water between the Magdalen Islands and the mainland in the electoral district of Gaspé, and by water or by land between the polling districts to the east of Bersimis, in the electoral district of Chicoutimi and Saguenay, or between such polling districts and the place of nomination, will probably be interrupted during such election by the severity of the season, he may direct that all necessary instructions and information relating to such election may be transmitted by telegraph by the returning officer to the deputy returning officer or officers, and by him or them to the returning officer, so that the returning officer may be informed of the number of votes given for each candidate, and of all other matters relating to the election, and be enabled to return the candidate having the majority or to make such other return as the case requires ; and the Governor in Council may make such order as to the details of the proceedings at or relating to such election to be so transmitted by telegraphic communication as to him seems proper for the best attaining the purposes of this enactment.

R.S.C., c. 8, s. 132.

***153.** [In case, by reason of riot or other emergency, an election, or the voting at a polling place, is not commenced on the proper day, or is interrupted after being commenced, and before the lawful closing thereof, the returning officer or the deputy returning officer, as the case may be, shall hold or resume the election or polling on the following day, at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continue it from day to day if necessary until a fair opportunity for nominating candidates is given, or, in the case of polling, until the poll has been opened without interruption and with free access to voters for eight hours in all, or thereabouts, in order that all the electors intending to vote may have had a fair opportunity of doing so.]

Ont., 1892, c. 3, s. 203.

154. No election shall be declared invalid by reason of non-compliance with the provisions of this Act as to the taking of the poll or the counting of the votes, or by reason of any want of qualification in the persons signing a nomination paper received by the returning officer, under the provisions of this Act, or of any mistake in the use of the forms contained in schedule one to this Act, if it appears to the tribunal having cognizance of the question that the election was conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in this Act, and that such non-compliance or mistake did not affect the result of the election.

R.S.C., c. 8, s. 128.

***155.** [No election shall be declared invalid by reason of non-compliance with the provisions of this Act as to limitations of time, unless it appears to the tribunal that such non-compliance may have affected the result of the election or that it was due to the improper conduct of a candidate or of his agent.]

Ont., 1894, c. 4, s. 45.

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Case of delay
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Mistakes of
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