

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

SECOND AND FINAL REPORT

Thursday, July 16, 1931.

The Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections beg leave to present the following as their Second and Final Report:-

Your Committee have had before them an Order of Reference of the House under date of June 4th, 1931, namely:-

Ordered. - "That all correspondence and other communications in the possession of the Government relating to the preparation of the voters' list for the municipality of Port McNicoll, in the riding of Simcoe East, and a copy of the original list prepared by the enumerator, and of the revised list as prepared by him for use on election day, together with a copy of any communications exchanged between the Chief Electoral Officer and the returning officer or any other person as to the conduct of the poll on election day, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, the 27th May, 1931, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections with instructions to inquire fully into the registration and polling of the votes or other related matter in connection with the election in the electoral division of Simcoe East, on July 28, 1930."

Your Committee have inquired into the matters referred to them under the terms of the above Reference and have held five meetings in the course of which they have heard twelve witnesses. After having perused the evidence adduced before them, your Committee beg leave to report as follows:-

That in the opinion of the Committee, having regard to the fact that it is the intention of the Dominion Elections Act to enfranchise as many voters as possible under the residence provisions if they have the other qualifications those in situations similar to that of Messrs. Chidwick and Campbell should have been entitled to vote.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the necessary amendments be made to the Dominion Elections Act to enable persons similarly situated to vote at future Dominion Elections.

Your Committee also recommend that the proceedings and evidence, a copy of which is submitted herewith for the information of Parliament, be printed as an Appendix to the Journals of the House for the present Session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. -B. HANSON,
Chairman.

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