

be doubtful, and others who could possibly qualify under the extended franchise of the Dominion. I addressed special enquiries to nearly all our clergymen, who, I apprehend, have peculiar opportunities of becoming acquainted with the property and circumstances of people within their parochial supervision. To many of those clerical gentlemen, Catholic and Protestant, I am greatly indebted for much useful information, very kindly and carefully given. I am encouraged to look with hope to their valued assistance again this year.

My work of revision for the current year commences on the first of June. The lists will be printed and published in the same manner as they were last year, on or before the first day of September, and finally revised and certified on or before the first of November. Ample notice will be given of the times and places at which I will hold sittings for the revision of such lists. According to statutory requirements, the assessment lists for the several polling districts are, I presume, posted up in each section. By comparing these with the voters' list used at the last election, you can all see who they are that should be added to the electoral lists of this year. You will be rendering me very welcome assistance by communicating to me, at an early date, any discoveries you may make in that way. Do not be afraid to ask questions, or to demand of me any explanations you may require, in order to the proper understanding of what is necessary to secure the registration of any person not already on the list of voters. I shall be ever ready to give, unto all who may ask for it, whatever information I possess touching the provisions of the Electoral Franchise Act. May I ask you to exchange courtesies as regards what you may know of the qualifications of persons desiring or deserving to be added to the roll of Inverness electors?

Were it not that my paper has already grown beyond tolerable size, I would cite certain clauses of the statute which might be new and interesting to a few of you. Recognizing the fact, also, that law is dry reading, and not very digestible in the Spring of the year, I shall content me with the following synopsis, which will give you an inkling of what is necessary to enable