

remain on the list till proper grounds are shown for striking him off. But if he has, undoubtedly, removed from the electoral district, without any intention of returning, then any one objecting to his name being on the list must take the steps provided by the Act for that purpose.

It will be observed that nothing is said in section 15 about any "solemn declaration" containing names *to be removed*, but only such as claim *to be added*; but even supposing there was, could a declaration that, at the time of making it, a certain voter was living in another part of the Province or Dominion be held by the revising officer to be a ground of disqualification: *non constat* but that such residence is a temporary one?

There is a specified way, however, of getting rid of such voters, if desired. After the preliminary lists have been published, it is provided by section 19 (2) that any person may give notice to the revising officer of objection to any name either on the original list or the supplementary one, and also to the person objected to, either by personal service or registered letter, and such notices must be given at least two weeks before the day fixed for the final revision.

It would seem to us that once a person is placed on a revised list he ought to be allowed to stay there till proper grounds are shown for striking him off; and also that he should not be struck off in any case unless he has been notified in the manner prescribed by the Act. It is objectionable on every ground that where a mode of procedure is laid down by statute, and there is no difficulty in following it, a ministerial officer should shape out for himself a different mode. Such a course would, undoubtedly, lead to confusion and uncertainty.

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#### INSPECTION OF REGISTRY OFFICES.

THE Annual Report of the Inspector of Registry Offices shows the careful attention which has been paid to the duties by the late inspector, Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, Q.C. His report contains many observations of interest. As will be seen, he speaks in complimentary terms of the conduct of business in Registry offices. There is, no doubt, much less cause of complaint than there used to be, and probably a careful inspection has largely helped in this.