

Item No. 21

March 11, 1954.

Chief Electoral Office,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs:—

Owing to the lack of interest taken in elections and the consequential low percentage of voting I feel this would be a good time to draw attention to the House while in session to withdraw some of the restrictions on advertising and general bally hoo on Election Day. I refer you to Sec. 377 in Book A34, Instructions to R.O.'s as examples.

Years ago we carried those things in our cars, coat sleeves and bill posts and called out more voters than we now do. Less than half the eligible voters turned out to last Summer's Federal election. Most absentees forgot about an election. Thanking you for attention to this.

(sgd) J. P. DOHERTY,
Provost, Alta.

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FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF CANADA

Box 64, Unionville, Ont., Sept. 25/53.

The Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:—

At the Biennial Meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada held in Toronto, August 24th to August 27th, the following Resolutions were passed:

1. "Whereas, there is a growing awareness amongst women, as individuals and in organizations, of their responsibilities as citizens, and
Whereas, women constitute over one half the Voters of Canada
Therefore, be it resolved

That the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada request the Federal Government to honour women of outstanding ability, irrespective of their political affiliations by appointing a woman to the Senate to represent each Province as a vacancy occurs."

2. "Whereas, there is no way of knowing the date of a Federal Election when making plans for National or International Conventions, and

Whereas, many Delegates attending the Conference of the Associated Countrywomen of the World held in Toronto, August 12th to 23rd, were deprived of their franchise,

Whereas, it is in the interests of good citizenship that all should record their votes,

Therefore, be it resolved

That the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada request that the Election Act be amended to include all Delegates attending National or International Conventions, on the list of those permitted an advance Poll."

We shall be glad if you will kindly have these Resolutions placed before the proper authorities for their consideration.

Yours very truly,
(sgd) Mrs. G. Gordon MAYNARD,
Sec'y-Treas. F.W.I.C.

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