

letter to Mr. Butcher: You have asked me for suggestions in connection with a proposed amendment to the Dominion Franchise Act to provide for a revision of the list of electors in those electoral districts in which a by-election may become necessary up to the time of the next revision, namely, April, 1937.

The following suggestions are made on the supposition that the amendment is merely to provide for the revision in the event of by-elections occurring prior to the first of April, 1937, but not thereafter; unless the Dominion Franchise Act should in the meantime be further amended.

If the following amendment were approved, the new revised list of electors of any electoral district affected could be prepared and could be available for the candidates after the issue of the writ. I would observe that appropriate forms would of course have to be prepared and printed.

I suggest as follows:—

I might say that schedule B of section 17 was the section which was in force that far, and which was in force when the general enumeration was made in 1934.

#### 1. Rural Polling Divisions:

The revision in rural polling divisions would follow in a general way the rules laid down in schedule B to Section 17 of the Dominion Franchise Act, the procedure being as follows:—

(a) Immediately upon a vacancy occurring in an electoral district, the Franchise Commissioner forthwith to instruct the Registrar of electors of the electoral district in question to proceed with a revision of the list of electors in the electoral district as soon as he has been notified by the Dominion Franchise Commissioner that the writ has been issued.

(b) As was provided in schedule B to section 17 of the Statute, the Registrar of Electors to appoint a revising officer in each polling division.

(NOTE—As a matter of procedure the Registrar of Electors, as soon as the amendment comes into force, would ascertain the names of suitable revising officers for each polling division in his electoral district; such revising officers, as provided in schedule B to section 17 of the Statute to reside, except in exceptional circumstances, in the polling division in which each is appointed to revise the list).

(c) The Registrar of Electors to be provided with one or more copies of the revised list of electors (1935).

(d) The Registrar of Electors to at once prepare sufficient copies of an amended notice of revision (Form 17) for distribution among the revising officers.

(e) The Registrar of Electors to send to each revising officer sufficient copies of the revised list of electors (1935) and an amended notice of revision (Form 17).

(f) The Revising Officer to at once delete from the revised list of electors (1935) in his polling division the names of those electors who are deceased or have removed from the polling division, or are otherwise disqualified; and also to correct the errors, if any, on the revised list of electors (1935).

(g) The Revising Officer to attach to the copy of the revised list of electors (1935) the names of all those who in his opinion are qualified to be added to the newly revised list, as well as their addresses and occupation.

(h) The Revising Officer thereupon to post his notice of revision as well as the revised list of electors (1935) with the additions thereto at the place where he will hold the revision: the Revising Officer also to post at least six copies of his notice of revision in the post office, if any, and other conspicuous places in the polling division.