

The CHAIRMAN: When we come to a section which you want to amend would you tell us?

Mr. CASTONGUAY: Yes.

Mr. LOCKHART: Starting at section 1, there is an explanation of the incorporation of the Yukon-Mackenzie River constituency. That is new from last year, is it not?

Mr. CASTONGUAY: It was suggested last year in anticipation of the passing of the Representation Act.

Mr. LOCKHART: Can we get an explanation from the chief electoral officer of what has been done in that connection? I think we should get going on this bill, though.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, as I recall it, the Redistribution Committee last year created a constituency known as the Yukon-Mackenzie River, and these amendments are necessary in order to bring the Elections Act in line with the new constituency.

Shall section 1 carry?

Carried.

Mr. MACINNIS: How much of this section are we carrying?

The CHAIRMAN: I will take the subsections. Subsection (2), "Hours of the day," shall that carry?

Carried.

Shall subsection (3) carry?

Carried.

Subsection (4), "Province," shall that carry?

Carried.

Section 2 of the bill will stand.

Section 3, "Permanent staff". Shall the section carry?

Carried.

Section 4, "Appointment of returning officers." Shall it carry?

Mr. MACNICOL: I would like to ask a question there. Are all the present returning officers new ones? Are new ones to be appointed?

Mr. CASTONGUAY: No, sir.

Mr. MACNICOL: If you decide to change?

Mr. CASTONGUAY: Of course, this section as it reads in the bill is the same as it reads in the present Act with the exception that provision is made for the appointment of returning officers for new electoral districts. The situation with regard to the present returning officers is not changed; it is only in the cases where changes have been made in the Representation Act.

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN: Section 5, "Copies of Act and instructions." Shall it carry?

Carried.

Section 6 will stand.

Section 7, "Persons on defence service." The first amendment suggested by the chief electoral officer is on rule 8. Section 7 refers to certain rules in section 16 of the Act and rule 8 is not referred to in that section, but it is referred to in the amendment which you have before you which says:

Rule eight of section sixteen of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

*Persons Temporarily Engaged in Public Works*

(8) No person shall, for the purpose of this Act, be deemed to be ordinarily resident at the date of the issue of the writ ordering an election in an electoral district to which such person has come for the