

Item No. 12

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Winnipeg, Canada
August 5, 1953.

Manitoba Summer School
Office of the Director

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

Dear Mr. St. Laurent,

The enclosed petition is supplementary to that which was forwarded to you on July 29th from the University of Manitoba Summer School Students' Council. This enclosed supplementary petition is signed by officers of the students' organization of the Faculty of Education consisting of graduate students and all are teachers and of mature years. They constitute a part of the University of Manitoba Summer School.

Yours respectfully,

(sgd) W. M. HUGILL,
Director of the Summer School.

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July 29th, 1953.

The Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent,
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Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. St. Laurent,

The Summer School Students' Council of the University of Manitoba Summer School, representing eight hundred students from all parts of the Province, in session from July 2nd to August 15th, wish to draw your attention to the loss of civic rights to which many of them will be subject because they will not be able to be in their own constituencies to exercise their franchise on election day, August 10th. Of our total enrolment, about 40% are active teachers whose homes are in rural parts of the Province.

We would respectfully request through you that the Government would take steps to redress this disfranchisement of a considerable section of the electorate of Manitoba, and authorize some system of absentee balloting, such as that with which we are familiar in municipal elections in the City of Winnipeg, so that in future elections citizens attending Summer Schools may not be deprived of the right to vote.

On behalf of the Council and Students of the University of Manitoba Summer School.

Yours respectfully,

(sgd) Irwin J. LEHMAN, President,
Donald McKINNON, Secretary.
Faculty of Education.

cc: Inspector Briskin
Mr. Longmore
Dean Scarfe
Professor Ferns

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