

The CHAIRMAN: May Mr. Byrne finish his line of questioning?

Mr. BYRNE: There is an ancillary question there, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if Judge Lippé could point out any area, or the most likely area, in which it would be possible to fraudulently vote. Are duplicate membership cards a possibility?

*(Translation)*

Mr. LIPPÉ: It's rather difficult to answer this question because I am under the impression that, no matter what the system you use, even if it is the best, it is still possible not only in elections relating to unions but also in other elections to attempt fraud.

*(Text)*

Mr. BYRNE: Would it be fair to ask an opinion then? Would the judge say there is probably less likelihood of fraudulent elections here than in Burnaby, for example?

Mr. LIPPÉ: I would not comment on that.

*(Translation)*

What I mean is that we have, I believe, taken all the precautions that we could normally be expected to take and perhaps more.

*(Text)*

Mr. BYRNE: That is all I wish to say.

Mr. MACINNIS: May I ask a supplementary question?

Judge Lippé, what type of lock was used on the ballot boxes?

*(Translation)*

Mr. LIPPÉ: The ballot boxes were boxes that the federal government gave us. They are the federal government boxes that are used for federal elections. That's what I was told.

*(Text)*

Mr. MACINNIS: You are not personally aware of the type of box?

*(Translation)*

Mr. LIPPÉ: I do not vote, sir. That is why I am telling you that that's what I was told.

*(Text)*

Mr. MACINNIS: Then the judge would have no idea whether there would be a few extra keys floating around.

*(Translation)*

Mr. LIPPÉ: No one spoke to me about it. It is barely possible but that is the first I have heard of it.

*(Text)*

Mr. MACINNIS: I beg the judge's pardon. I am not trying to give him news. I am not trying to indicate to him—

Mr. LIPPÉ: Then what is your question?

Mr. MACINNIS: My question is this: Were the trustees aware of the entire situation that existed during the election?