

irregularities for which the federal authorities might be held responsible if Service deputy returning officers were provided. The voter, at the time of voting, would complete a declaration that he had been a resident of a given Ontario constituency on enlistment and this would be signed by the deputy returning officer. The serviceman would be handed his voting paper on which he would mark his constituency and the candidate he favoured, after which his ballot would be deposited. At the end of the polling period, the deputy returning officer would forward the ballot box to the civilian special returning officer. He recommended, therefore, that his department should not assume responsibility for conducting service voting but that the Ontario election authorities be informed that liaison officers, facilities, accommodation and necessary transportation for Ontario election officials would be provided and arrangements made for Ontario servicemen to have time to vote.

18. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the report of the Minister of National Defence and agreed, subject to further consideration the following day with the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration present, that the Department of National Defence should not assume any responsibility for conducting service voting in the forthcoming Ontario provincial election, although it would indicate a readiness to provide liaison officers, facilities, accommodation and necessary transportation for Ontario civilian election officials and arrange for Ontario servicemen to have time to vote.

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