

The CHAIRMAN: Section 11 on page 15, "electoral district of Yukon-Mackenzie river."

Mr. McKAY: I just received a letter Mr. Charles Crate of Yellowknife a day or two ago with regard to the Yukon-Mackenzie river electoral district which offers some suggestions as to the setting up of polling divisions there. Could I refer to it now, Mr. Chairman, or would you like to have it later? I do not know where else I could bring it up; there may be another place later, but I have gone through the whole Act.

The CHAIRMAN: Go ahead, Mr. McKay, right now. We might as well get it over with.

Mr. McKAY: I read the letter as follows:

I believe the matter of electoral regulations and practices are to come up for consideration and revision in the House shortly. We should have special regulations to make a fair election possible in this riding which is over 7 times as large as all of Great Britain. I would suggest that legislation be sought to provide as follows:

- (1) There be polling booths in all "bush camps" as well as in the settlements;
- (2) That no-one lose their vote through moving from one polling district to another in the vast constituency and that even lengthy vacations "outside" during the period preceding the election not eliminate the individual from voting;
- (3) Clarification of circumstances under which Indians, Eskimos, "Breeds" and Metis have the right to vote.
- (4) That all candidates duly nominated be given joint free transportation in a Govt. plane or at Govt. expense to all inhabited points in the riding, due to the impossibility of all candidates or parties being able to afford the transportation expenses necessary.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Castonguay will take these things under advisement, if section 11 is carried.

Section 12, page 15, "Qualifications of candidate."

This appears to be what you decided upon last year; if section 11 is carried.

Section 13, "Ministers of the Crown."

Carried.

Section 14, "Nomination day. Occupation of candidate. Sent to Comptroller of the Treasury. Disposition of deposit."

Carried.

Section 15, "Returning officer to mail copies of notice to postmasters."

Carried.

Section 16, "Posting of list of names of deputy returning officers."

Carried.

Section 17, "Ballot box construction."

Carried.

Section 18, "Ballot papers and their form."

Carried.

Section 19, "Fraudulent putting of paper in ballot box."

Mr. MacNICOL: There is no change in any of these?

Mr. Castonguay: No change at all, sir.

The CHAIRMAN: I am now on section 19 on page 18 of the bill.

Carried.

Section 20, "Instructions to be furnished D.R.O."

Carried.