

Mr. CAMERON: I do not see that it would make any possible difference when any particular system went in. We are not children; we are not going to be carried away because it goes in on Tuesday instead of Friday. I think it might as well be disposed of now, and put in as an exhibit.

The CHAIRMAN: Let us have a motion to that effect.

Mr. McINTOSH: I move that it be inserted.

Mr. CAMERON: I second the motion.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any discussion?

Mr. MACNICOL: I should like to say, if this motion is adopted, that every other system under the sun that any member of the committee wishes to bring forward shall be dealt with in the same way.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we shall have to study the various schemes before we are through with the work of this committee.

Mr. MACNICOL: Systems brought forward by each member.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

*(See appendix to this day's evidence.)*

The CHAIRMAN: At the last session of the committee we—

Mr. GLEN: Before you leave that, Mr. Chairman, I should like to say this: Mr. MacNicol suggested that in the event of any member bringing forward any other proposition, it would be adopted. Are we going to hunt through all the copies of the proceedings to find out the different systems and then make some suggestions in regard to them? I think we should group them altogether and then decide whether we shall put them in the record or not, rather than bring one forward today and another one at the next meeting and so on.

The CHAIRMAN: I think possibly you are right.

Mr. GLEN: I think that is Mr. MacNicol's position. If that were done, I think we would be in a position to judge.

Mr. HEAPS: I think the motion has been approved. The little pamphlet that is before us will now appear.

The CHAIRMAN: It is going to be printed as an appendix to today's proceedings. We shall now leave it and deal with the others afterwards. It is our intention this morning to hear Colonel Thompson in connection with shortening of the proceedings for holding by-elections; also Mr. Castonguay.

Mr. HEAPS: What was the first item of business this morning, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: Our order of business this morning has to do with by-elections, revision of lists and conduct of by-elections.

COLONEL JOHN THOMPSON called.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Colonel Thompson, you are Dominoin Franchise Commissioner?—A. Yes.

Q. Just explain what studies you have made of the Act and how you think by-elections can be conducted on the lists as we have them now?—A. Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen, I prepared two plans in regard to the holding of by-elections. Both plans provide for a considerable abridgment of the time in which by-elections can be held after vacancies occur. With regard to the urban elections, or elections in by-elections where there are urban polls, there is one scheme prepared; that is, where all the riding is urban or part urban and part rural; and one plan with regard to the rural. There are two plans offered for your consideration. My suggestions are as follows, and they appear in the form of a

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