

*Re change of location of polling stations without notice.*

The location of polling stations was changed on polling day without ensuring that voters knew of the change in Polls 42, 69 and 111.

*Re voting more than once in the same election.*

A voter purporting to be Sgt. A. Lefrançois (SL-41789) voted at the poll for Service Personnel, and also at poll 26.

*Other reported incidents.*

At poll 76 there was no oath of secrecy taken.

At poll 85 there were no counterfoils on the ballots that were presented by voters to the DRO for insertion in the ballot box."

The Commission under which I received my authority and conducted the Inquiry is in the following words:

*"Office of the Chief Electoral Officer  
The Dominion Elections Act, 1938.*

Whereas subsection (4) of section 70 of The Dominion Elections Act, 1938, chapter 46 of the Statutes of Canada, 1938, as amended by chapter 46 of the Statutes of Canada, 1948, provides that when it is made to appear to the Chief Electoral Officer that any election officer has been guilty of an offence against the said Act, it shall be his duty to make such inquiry as appears to be called for in the circumstances.

Whereas subsection (5) of the said section 70 provides that the Chief Electoral Officer shall have the like powers in the case of any offence which it is made to appear to him to have been committed by any person under sections 17, 22, 49 (2), 49 (6), 50 (12), 52 (7), or 72 of the said Act.

Whereas, under subsection (6) of the said section 70, the person nominated by the Chief Electoral Officer for the purpose of conducting such inquiry shall have the powers of a commissioner under Part II of the Inquiries Act.

Whereas it has been made to appear to the undersigned that certain irregularities occurred with respect to the conduct of the Dominion election held in the electoral district of Regina City in the Province of Saskatchewan, on the twenty-seventh day of June, 1949.

And whereas it is deemed advisable that an inquiry be held as provided in the said section 70 of the said Act, with regard to the allegations set out in a letter dated July 26th, 1949, received from one of the candidates at the said election, Mr. John O. Probe of Regina, Sask., which letter is attached hereto.

Now, Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the said Dominion Elections Act, 1938, and pursuant thereto, I do hereby nominate the Honourable James Thomas Brown, Chief Justice of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for Saskatchewan, to inquire into the allegations set out in the above-mentioned attached letter and the appendices A, B and C attached thereto, with the exception of what pertains to polling station No. 26 of the said electoral district of Regina City, and to make such report in connection therewith as the findings may warrant.

Given under my hand and seal at Ottawa this 14th day of September, 1949.

(Sgd.) JULES CASTONGUAY,  
Chief Electoral Officer.