

FILED ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE RAILWAY BROTHERHOODS

*Dominion Election's Act*

Amend Section 102—re Advance Polls for Railway Employees, Sec. 102.  
Sailors and Commercial Travellers—as follows:

Subsection (8) to read:

“(8) Advance Polls shall be open from the hours of two o'clock to five o'clock in the afternoon and from seven o'clock to ten o'clock in the evening of the three days, exclusive of Sunday, immediately preceding polling day.”

Amend Subsection (10) to read:

“(10) Every person applying to vote at an Advance Poll shall, before voting, be required by the Deputy Returning Officer to make the following declaration, which shall be kept by the Deputy Returning Officer with the other records of the poll:

*Declaration*

“I declare that my employment or calling is that of a Railway Employee, Sailor or Commercial Traveller and necessitates, from time to time, my absence from my ordinary place of residence, and that I have reason to believe that because of possible necessary absence from my ordinary place of residence in the pursuit of my employment or calling, I may be unable to vote at the pending Dominion Election on polling day. I am aware that after voting at an Advance Poll, I have no right to vote or to attempt to vote at any other polling station at the pending Dominion Election.”

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Witness:.....  
Deputy Returning Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Voter \_\_\_\_\_

The remaining subsections of Section 102 to be amended accordingly, or repealed.

FILED BY MR. NEILL, M.P.

1. That Election Day be proclaimed a public half-holiday, with pay. This was actually inserted in the Act in the Session of 1925, but by a clerical error was omitted from the Act as submitted to the Senate. The records of Hansard, 1925, Page 4750 will show where it passed the House of Commons.
2. In rural constituencies the qualifying date of ordinary residents is two months prior to date of writ. In the election of 1925 this meant that anyone voting on October 29th had to be in residence on July 5th. This is too long in British Columbia where the population, many of them single men, move about a great deal. It also disenfranchises a large number of school teachers. Both in 1925 and 1926 qualifying date fell during the summer holidays when most teachers were away from their schools, and when they