

Mr. HEAPS: You may recommend the appointment of a committee next year.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. MACNICOL: I believe that last year Mr. Lapointe, Mr. Kennedy and myself were on the committee, and the final report suggested leaving us on the committee—

The CHAIRMAN: The 1929 report?

Mr. MACNICOL: 1932, I believe.

Hon. Mr. STIRLING: I was on a committee along with Mr. Garland, Mr. Neill, and others.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: The recommendation could be made something along this line, Mr. Chairman: Your committee recommends that it have the opportunity for further study at the next session. The inference you would leave is that the same committee should be appointed, or it will be desirable to have them continue their study.

The CHAIRMAN: The clerk of the committee has drawn my attention to paragraph 667 of Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, which is entirely in accord with your suggestion. The paragraph reads:—

When a committee have not completed their enquiries before the end of the session, they report the fact to the house together with any evidence which they may have taken. In their report they usually recommend the re-appointment of the committee in the next session. This course has usually been followed, and the evidence taken in the previous session has been referred to the newly appointed committee.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: That is my recollection of the fact.

The CHAIRMAN: Would it be agreeable to the committee to have the summary of the suggested amendments given to Mr. Butcher? He has synopsized the suggestions and I do not think it would take very long to put them on the record.

Mr. HARRY BUTCHER, recalled.

Mr. Chairman, many suggestions have already been referred to the committee. Some of them were ordered to stand. Those that were ordered to stand were:—

That a candidate's election expenses should be limited by law to a fixed amount per head of the electors in the constituency.

That election day should be a public holiday, or at least a half holiday.

That contributions from powerful corporations should be limited in amount, and that there should be publication of all subscriptions received.

That lists in rural constituencies and in rural polls in urban constituencies should not be closed.

That young people coming of age prior to day of election and otherwise qualified, should be permitted to vote on production of birth certificate if vouched for by a resident elector.

That the method of transferring names from one list of electors to another should be simplified.

That publications of election returns throughout Canada should be synchronized.

That an independent commission should be set up to determine new boundaries at the next redistribution.

That there should be polls in hospitals for patients and staffs.

That public buildings should be used wherever possible for polling booths.