

The CHAIRMAN: I think, gentlemen, you should direct yourselves to the witness. Every member of the committee is becoming confused with so much talking.

Mr. GLEN: Can we get an answer to that question?

WITNESS: I could not tell you exactly what the average time was. I can find that out.

*By Mr. Glen:*

Q. What do you think of Mr. Stewart's suggestion?—A. It is very simple. I think it would be simpler still possibly with regard to the rural divisions, if we kept the rural separate from the urban polling divisions. My suggestion, or alternative suggestion, with regard to rural was that the 1935 lists should apply and should not be reprinted; and that when the election day came those who had since qualified should be entitled to vote as they were under the old Act of 1930.

*By Mr. Turgeon:*

Q. By affidavit on election day, you mean?—A. Yes, if vouched for. Of course, then you have not what we call closed lists, but it is very simple and costs nothing.

*By Mr. Factor:*

Q. What about those who have moved out or died since the list was made up? How would you remove them from the list?—A. That would be by affidavit, I suppose.

Mr. FACTOR: That is the unsatisfactory part of the present revision you would be carrying through in the by-election.

Mr. GLEN: It looks to me as though Mr. Stewart's suggestion is the better one for a by-election.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: You may not have to use it at all.

Mr. McLEAN: According to Mr. Stewart's suggestion, we would be simply carrying out the procedure of 1930.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: No, 1934, if we started within this Act; if we started with enumeration in this Act.

Mr. McLEAN: In the 1930 election we had enumeration.

Hon. Mr. STEWART: In 1934 we started with enumeration, yes.

Mr. McLEAN: Yes.

WITNESS: That would be very simple, Mr. Stewart. I would suggest that possibly the committee might consider abridging the time with regard to residence qualification.

*By Mr. Factor:*

Q. What is it now?—A. Three months' residence in the constituency. Possibly the committee might consider one month or residence in the electoral district at the time that the enumeration is being made. All that would be necessary with regard to the Franchise Act would be to change the dates, use the provision to change the dates.

Hon. Mr. STEVENS: Mr. Chairman, it strikes me that we have come to a point here that warrants a suggestion which I am going to make at this time. My suggestion is that this thing that we are now discussing is pretty technical and could very much better be studied by a sub-committee, where they could sit around the table, particularly a committee of a few who are themselves well acquainted with the Act. Personally, I should be very pleased to accept