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THE ENUMERATORS.

TO THE READERS OF THE LIBERAL MONTHLY:—

Fragmentary information has come to the Central Liberal Information Office to the effect that gross irregularities, many flagrant violations of the law, were systematically resorted to by returning officers, deputy returning officers, enumerators, candidates and agents of the Government. The information thus received shows amongst other delinquencies, the following:—

1. That as a rule the enumerators kept no office, that it was difficult to locate them, that they left off names of persons qualified to vote, and left them off even after their attention had been called to the fact that such persons were entitled to vote, that the names of persons actually on the list as published were subsequently removed by the enumerators.

2. That Deputy Returning Officers refused to allow persons to vote on certificate.

3. That the D. R. O.'s acted as if they were the election agents of the Borden Government and challenged the right of persons to vote who were likely to vote Liberal.

4. That without regard to nationality, language or place of birth, persons, although naturalized, were not permitted to vote because of the fact that they were born in Norway or other European countries of which Germany or Austria has nothing to do.

5. That Germans and Austrians naturalized previous to April 1st, 1902, were not permitted to vote, although even the notorious act does not disqualify them.

6. That persons of European blood, although born in Canada, were not given the vote.

7. That Americans naturalized in Canada were not allowed to vote.

8. That the names of women and other persons not entitled to vote were placed on the list.

9. That soldiers were known to have voted more than once.

10. That the names of Indian women were improperly placed on the list and these squaws in some cases voted for the Borden candidate.

11. That the Returning Officer refused to supply the lists of enumerators to the Liberal candidate.

12. That sufficient ballots were not supplied at the polls and polls were placed in inconvenient localities.

13. That it was suggested to soldiers that in regard to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 in Form B that they answer by stating "I cannot say" and thus allow a further suggestion to be made that they designate a riding in which they wished their vote to be counted.

14. That discharged soldiers who under section 10 of the Military Voters Act were entitled to vote "as an elector of the polling district wherein he is resident at the time of polling" were requested to move for the day of the election to a riding where their vote would be useful when such sojourn is not residence within the meaning of the law.

15. That telegrams, letters, copies of papers, speeches, &c., were sent out by persons acting on behalf of the Government promising exemption from Military service without regard to the procedure set forth in the Act.

16. That cables or telegrams were tampered with as for example one soldier cabled "Home Christmas" and when the cable was delivered it read "Home Christmas. Vote Union Government."

17. That improper suggestions had been made regarding the disposal of the Patriotic Fund and other war-time efforts put forth by the people as a whole without regard to political views.

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