

REPORT
OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
OF
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

For the year ending December 31, 1970—

Chief Electoral Officer
Charlottetown
Prince Edward Island
December 31, 1970

The Honourable Cecil A. Miller
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
The Province of Prince Edward Island

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honour to submit the Report of the
Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to Section 137 of
The Election Act, 1963.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Lorne Monkley
Chief Electoral Officer

REPORT
 CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1970

On March 26, 1970, a Writ was issued by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council calling a General Provincial Election on May 11, 1970.

RESULTS OF GENERAL ELECTION

P R I N C E C O U N T Y

*Elected		<u>Votes Received</u>	<u>Majority</u>
1st District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	*Robert Campbell	3066	1335
	Kenneth Pridham	1731	
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	Clifford Bernard	1837	
	*Russell Perry	2953	1116
2nd District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	George Key	1177	
	*Joshua MacArthur	1185	8
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	Ralph K. Adams	1105	
	*George Dewar	1279	174
3rd District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	*Edward Clark	1605	486
	Keith S. Harrington	1119	
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	*William Gallant	1544	369
	Henry Wedge	1175	

		<u>Votes Received</u>	<u>Majority</u>
4th District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	Norman L. Reeves	2218	
	*Robert Schurman	3272	1054
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	Everett W. Champion	2169	
	*Frank Jardine	3299	1130
5th District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	*Alex. B. Campbell	2989	1579
	Claude Ives	1410	
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	*T. Earle Hickey	2904	1415
	Charlie Hogan	1489	

Q U E E N S C O U N T Y

1st District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	*Ralph Johnstone	1391	149
	Knud Jorgensen	1242	
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	*Mrs. Jean Canfield	1451	271
	Frank Myers	1180	
2nd District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	*Lloyd MacPhail	1891	40
	Horace B. Willis	1851	
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	Bennett Carr	1831	
	*J. Sinclair Cutcliffe	1904	73

		<u>Votes Received</u>	<u>Majority</u>
3rd District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	J. Russell Driscoll	1837	
	*Levi McNally	1927	90
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	Ivan G. Kerry	1660	
	*Cecil A. Miller	2079	419
4th District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	*Daniel Compton	1153	103
	Harold P. Smith	1050	
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	Vernon MacIntyre	1087	
	*J. Stewart Ross	1108	21
5th District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	*J. Elmer Blanchard	4174	2242
	Mary McQuaid	2472	
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	*Gordon L. Bennett	4681	2203
	Gerald R. Foster	2478	
6th District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	Alban Farmer	2394	
	*John Maloney	3750	1356
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	*Allison MacDonald	3711	1292
	J. David Stewart	2419	

K I N G S C O U N T Y

		<u>Votes Received</u>	<u>Majority</u>
1st District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	Peter J. McAulay	1140	
	*Daniel J. MacDonald	1333	193
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	Keith MacKenzie	1089	
	*Bruce Stewart	1387	298
2nd District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	Brian McGuire	817	
	*Leo F. Rossiter	871	54
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	Don Anderson	813	
	*Walter Dingwell	876	63
3rd District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	*A. E. Ings	984	
	Preston D. MacLure	882	102
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	*W. Bennett Campbell	966	
	Thomas Curran	893	73
4th District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	*Gilbert Clements	1324	
	Douglas McGowan	945	379
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	*M. Lorne Bonnell	1516	
	James W. King	776	740
5th District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	George Ernest Carver	631	
	*George J. Ferguson	920	289
	<u>Assemblyman</u>		
	*Arthur J. MacDonald	885	
	Joseph Cyril Sinnott	664	221

T A B L E I

	<u>No. Persons Enumerated</u>	<u>No. Persons Voting</u>	<u>No. Rejected Ballots</u>	<u>% Voting</u>
<u>PRINCE COUNTY</u>				
1st District	5,478	4,932	277	90.
2nd District	2,764	2,432	106	87.9
3rd District	3,104	2,780	118	89.5
4th District	6,825	5,656	353	82.8
5th District	5,533	4,545	190	82.1
	<u>23,704</u>	<u>20,345</u>	1,044	85.8
			Rejected ballots -	5.13%
<u>QUEENS COUNTY</u>				
1st District	2,958	2,690	115	90.9
2nd District	4,286	3,824	171	89.2
3rd District	4,315	3,872	233	89.9
4th District	2,457	2,257	115	91.8
5th District	8,921	7,507	287	84.1
6th District	7,461	6,319	363	84.7
	<u>30,398</u>	<u>26,469</u>	1,284	87.06
			Rejected ballots -	4.85%
<u>KINGS COUNTY</u>				
1st District	2,785	2,538	127	91.1
2nd District	1,882	1,744	106	92.6
3rd District	2,117	1,908	90	90.
4th District	2,574	2,345	128	91.1
5th District	1,741	1,588	75	91.2
	<u>11,099</u>	<u>10,123</u>	526	91.21
			Rejected ballots -	5.19%
Province	65,201	56,937	2,854	87.32%
			Rejected ballots -	5.01%

B Y - E L E C T I O N

On October 7, 1970, a Writ was issued by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council calling a by-election on November 23, 1970 to fill the vacancy of councillor in the Fifth Electoral District of the County of Queens, caused by the death of the late Honourable J. Elmer Blanchard.

RESULTS OF BY-ELECTION

Q U E E N S C O U N T Y

<u>*Elected</u>		<u>Votes Received</u>	<u>Majority</u>
5th District	- <u>Councillor</u>		
	J. Patrick Gaudet	2132	
	*Peter McNeil	3197	1065

T A B L E I I

	<u>No. Persons Enumerated</u>	<u>No. Persons Voting</u>	<u>No. Rejected Ballots</u>	<u>% Voting</u>
<u>QUEENS COUNTY</u>				
5th District	8,818	5,430	101	61.5

It is suggested that The Election Act be amended to provide:

- (a) Proxy Voting for;
 - (i) persons' absence from the polling division in the course of his employment as a fisherman or salesman; or
 - (ii) illness or physical incapacity; or
 - (iii) absence from the polling division while a full-time student duly registered at a recognized educational institution during an academic term;
- (b) modification of the procedures pertaining to voting by incapacitated persons, i.e., blind persons;
- (c) for the appointment of a Deputy Chief Electoral Officer having the same authority as the Chief Electoral Officer in his absence due to illness or other causes;
- (d) where it is necessary to hold a by-election within 12 months of a General Provincial Election that the voters' lists used in that General Provincial Election be used as the voters' lists in the by-election.

It has also become quite apparent that a major revision of the polling divisions must be carried out at an early date. Over the years, both the Federal and Provincial Election Officials have been accepting the descriptions of the other. During this period, printing errors have occurred in proper names, roads have been renamed or rerouted, farms have changed ownership and movement of population have all manifested the need for a major revision.

It would appear that the most efficient manner of creating changes would be to follow more permanent, natural and man-made physical boundaries, regardless of the number of voters in a polling division. Polling divisions, where necessary, could be divided into polling stations of from 250 to 325 voters.

It is suggested that such a revision be carried out with the co-operation of the Federal Chief Electoral Officer and his officials.

LIST OF RETURNING OFFICERS

P R I N C E C O U N T Y

<u>Electoral District</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1st District	Robert Gallant	Howlan
2nd District	William Yeo	Port Hill
3rd District	Mrs. Genevieve MacGougan ^{VACANT}	Malpeque
4th District	Arnold Henderson	Bedeque
5th District	Roy Lidstone	161 Victoria Road Summerside

Q U E E N S C O U N T Y

1st District	Fenton Mayne	Emerald
2nd District	Charles Frizzell	New Haven
3rd District	Eldon Glover	Mt. Stewart
4th District	Joseph Edmonds	Iona
5th District	Joseph A. Weaver	97 Hillsboro Street Charlottetown
6th District	Walter W. White	11 Newland Crescent Charlottetown

K I N G S C O U N T Y

1st District	John E. Grant	Box 292, Souris
2nd District	Louis McGuire ^{VACANT}	Morell
3rd District	William Rourke	Montague
4th District	Mrs. Vivian Beck	Alliston
5th District	Maurice Fitzpatrick	Cardigan R.R.