

Only Canadians may vote in Federal by-elections, elections

In the event we're on the threshold of a federal election, a reminder only Canadian citizens may vote in federal by-elections and general elections issued recently by Jean-Marc Hamel, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada is timely. The Canada Elections Act of 1970 provides that only

persons having attained the age of 18 years and who are Canadian citizens qualify as federal electors," said Mr. Hamel. "The Act also provides that British subjects who were not Canadian citizens, but who qualified as electors at the time of the 1968 general election, could continue to vote in federal

elections for a period of five years following the coming into effect of the Canada Elections Act on June 26, 1970. Accordingly," stated Mr. Hamel, "since June 26, 1975 only Canadian citizens have had the right to vote in federal elections."

He also pointed out that

British subjects who are not Canadian citizens may be entitled to vote in certain provincial or municipal elections if they meet the requirements of the applicable election legislation.

"As far as federal by-elections and general elections are concerned," said Mr. Hamel, "proof of Canadian citizenship is not required either at the time of enumeration or at the polls, but the eligibility of a would-be voter can be challenged by the deputy returning officer, the poll clerk, one of the candi-

dates or his agent, or by any elector present at the poll. If challenged the would-be voter will be asked to produce satisfactory evidence of citizenship or to swear or affirm that he is a Canadian citizen." Anyone refusing to swear eligibility when required to do so will not be given a ballot and will not be readmitted to the poll. Mr. Hamel cautioned would-be voters that a false oath could result in prosecution.

Persons in doubt about their citizenship should contact their local Court of

Canadian Citizenship or the Department of the Secretary of State. These are listed in the telephone directory white pages under "Government of Canada". Enquiries may also be directed by mail to the Registrar of Canadian Citizenship, Department of the Secretary of State, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M5.

According to Ron Gould, Registrar of Canadian Citizenship, the granting of citizenship to qualified persons usually takes an average of three months from

the date of application. "We encourage persons wishing to become citizens to allow us sufficient time to process their applications," he said, "especially if they live in one of the constituencies in which by-elections will be held in October and they wish to participate in the electoral process."

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Enrolment figures on target — elementary students decline

Area teachers and the North Halton Education Centre are breathing a sigh of relief this week, after totalling September's public school enrolment in the North Halton district.

Students returning to school this fall closely match the projected head count both the Centre and teachers had planned for, and that will mean fewer headaches for all.

Education officials estimated 7,512 students would be arriving on the school steps in Milton and Halton Hills last Wednesday morning.

In fact, 7,559 students turned up, only 47 more than expected.

According to Marilyn Smith, assistant to the Centre chairman Don Gentleman, the extra students are in 21 different public elementary schools in the north district. Milton alone has 2,914 students enrolled in eight town and area elementary schools.

Robert Baldwin School heads the list with an enrolment of 643 children from kindergarten to grade five. W.I. Dick School is close

behind with 548 students, following a school shuffle between W.I. Dick and Martin St. School.

W.I. Dick now has grades six, seven and eight while Martin St. Junior School has 191 pupils from kindergarten to grade five.

Brookville School, which includes kindergarten to grade eight pupils, has a total of 507. J.M. Denyes has 488 pupils this fall, since all grade sixes have been moved to W.I. Dick.

Pineview Public School has 328 pupils enrolled.

Speyside Public School has a total of 155 pupils from kindergarten to grade six and

Campbellville has 54 youngsters registered in kindergarten to grade two.

According to Mrs. Smith, kindergarten figures declined by only the smallest percentage over the last year, while the elementary school figure dropped by 234 students.

Mrs. Smith attributed part of the drop in the number to the movement of a large group of grade eight students out of the public elementary level to the high school level.

Nearly 1,000 students graduated from grade eight to high school last year, she noted. Enrolment figures for grade eight this year show only 845 students.

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