THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,

Prince Rupert

11 Sept. 19 1

A.Forsyth Esq,

Prov. Constable,

Port Essington

Sir.

Reports have been received at the Superintendents office that there may be an efort made to impersonate voters at the coming election, and I am requested by the Department to arrange to have a Constable placed at each polling booth with a view to preventing any such infractions of the Elections Act. You will therefore make arrangements to be on duty at the Port Essington polling booth on Election day, Sept 21st. I am forwarding you copies of Sections of the Dominion Election s Act governing impersonation. It would also be advisable for you to read up the above Act so that you may be familiar with the same, and on the first attempt of impersonation arrest the party or parties at once and notify me by wire.

Yours Obediently

W Owen

Chief Constable

272. Every person guilty of personation and liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars and not less than fifty dollars, and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years and not less than three months, who, at an election-

a. applies for a ballot peper in the name of some other person whether such name is that of a person living or dead, or of a fictitious person; or,

b. Having voted once at any such election, applies at the same election for a ballot paper in his own name.

273. Every person who aids, abets, counsels or procures the commissic by any person of the offence of personation shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars and not less than one hundred dollars and for imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years and not less than three months.