

ELECTION UPDATE

With the provincial election due in just four days, now is as good a time as any to find out just who is running. Aw, you already knew right? Well, if only for comparison's sake, here is how this writer sizes up the "scratch-sheets" for this year's run for the money...

LIBERAL JOE GHIZ;

Of the three party leaders, Mr. Ghiz was the only one who made himself available to the Sun for comment. The following are highlights from the resulting Sun exclusive;

The Sun; [According to information contained in the Geological Survey of Canada, the ground formations surrounding P.E.I. are very similar to

those off Sable Island.] What priority does the Liberal government assign to the development of an oil industry relative to the existing P.E.I. fishing industries? Joe Ghiz; That is a very difficult question. It involves, first of all, the viability of the find. Secondly, the environmental question—even if it is commercially viable it will affect fishing grounds and farming communities...an environmental impact study would have to be done...I'm conscious that a balance must be struck between these two competing interests. Quite frankly, I'd be a fool

to try and analyze the fine-tuning of that balance without having all of the facts and figures before me. The Sun; You mentioned earlier the textile industry in Quebec [as an example of existing federal subsidy]. Don't you think that subsidized power rates would harm Island industries in the long run by making Islanders dependent on the cheap subsidized electricity? Joe Ghiz; It won't be subsidized power! The Sun; By negotiating with the federal government for an across-the-board power rate, don't you agree that what in effect would be happening is that the feds would be subsidizing P.E.I. power?

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Want to Vote?

Qualified voters in P.E.I. whose names do not appear on the official voters list, may still exercise their franchise and cast their ballots in the Sept. 27, Provincial General Election.

P.E.I. Chief Electoral Officer, Arthur J. Currie, said that although voter registration for the Sept. 27 election has been completed, persons in the province who did not register and get their names on the voters list, will still be able to vote on Sept. 27, if they meet the required qualifications laid down in the P.E.I. Election Act.

In order to be a qualified elector in P.E.I., a person must be a Canadian citizen, be 18 years of age or over on or before election day, Monday, Sept. 27, have been a resident of P.E.I. for twelve months prior to the call of the election. For the purpose of the upcoming election, a person would have to have been a resident

of the province since August 31, 1981.

In explaining the procedure for qualified voters who are not on the official voters list, Mr. Currie said, "All the qualified elector has to do is go to the poll in his or her polling division on election day, provide the Deputy Returning Officer with name, address and occupation, and take the prescribed oath of electors as administered by the Deputy Returning Officer. Once the oath has been administered the voter is given the ballots and proceeds to vote as he or she sees fit."

Mr. Currie emphasized that just because a voters name is not on the official voters list, does not mean that that person loses his or her vote. If the voter provides the Deputy Returning Officer with the required information and takes the oath, then he or she may vote for the candidates of their choice.

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