

Quebec To Use 2 Enumerators For Voters' Lists In Future

QUEBEC (CP)—Premier Sauve announced Friday that two enumerators, not just one, will draw up future voters' lists in urban Quebec province ridings.

He said the change will be made in a bill to be introduced at this session of the Quebec legislature. His announcement meant the axe for one of the most bitterly contested provisions of the Quebec Election Act.

It received a desk-thumping response from both sides of the legislative assembly. The session later was adjourned until Jan. 11.

RESTORE OLD SYSTEM
The amendments will restore the system abolished in 1953 when the late Premier Duplessis introduced a fully revised election act that led to some of the sharpest debates in recent years in the legislature.

The government now proposes to restore the system whereby two enumerators work together in each polling division. One of the enumerators is recommended by the government leader, the other by the opposition leader.

ond enumerator was first dropped in rural regions where he was found unnecessary.

However the opposition protested when Mr. Duplessis decided to abolish the second enumerator in urban areas, where the concentration of population is heavy and poll officials don't know the voters personally, as is often the case in a rural district.

HIGHER SALARY
The only other provision in the proposed amendments Mr. Sauve mentioned Friday would increase the salary of Francois Drouin, QC, chief returning officer of the province. No figures were mentioned.

Text of the bill has not been distributed and other details were not available.

At the time of the 1953 revision of the act—bill 34 as it was called—the government argued that the single enumerator system was more efficient and as impartial as the two-enumerator system.

There is special interest in the coming amendments to the election act in view of the general

provincial election expected next year.

Already announced but provided for in another draft bill, is the proposal to split Saguenay and Montreal Laval ridings, thus adding two new seats to the 93-seat legislative assembly.

Test Policing Offers Snag

GENEVA (AP)—American and British scientists report they have been unable to get the Soviet Union to agree to an effective system for policing underground nuclear tests.

Except for one minor East-West step toward modifying a 1958 plan, there was virtually complete disagreement, the scientists said Saturday.

Lack of agreement on technical control procedures was a major setback in the Geneva negotiations for a nuclear test ban treaty. Delegates from both sides said, however, the door remains open for more talk.

The current negotiations adjourned after their 150th meeting for a three-week Christmas recess. They are to resume tests

up to an equivalent force of 10,000 tons of TNT could escape detection under the control plan drawn up in 1958. But they said the Soviet scientists refused during three weeks of technical discussion to modify the 1958 plan sufficiently to provide an adequate, up-to-date safeguard against violations of a test ban.

The minor agreement toward modifying the 1958 plan concerned an increase and improvement of seismographs on the proposed fixed control posts, they said.

Tanker Closes Shipping Season

MONTREAL (CP)—The German tanker Inka closed the Montreal shipping season at 7:30 a.m.

Sunday when she sailed for London with 1,500 tons of anti-freeze. The Inka, repaired in drydock here last week after suffering hull damage in an Atlantic storm, was expected to reach London around Jan. 5.

She arrived here from Rotterdam last weekend with the forward end of her hull crumpled.

Last year 13 ocean ships were caught in Montreal by an early freeze and were not rescued by ice-breakers until mid-January.

The only ships left in Montreal are 38 inland vessels lashed to wharves for the winter.

Nearly all Montreal's 4,000 longshoremen have gone to lumber camps to work until spring, or to Halifax and Saint John, N.B., for winter stevedoring.

Ice was reported forming downstream, but shipping officials predicted the Inka would have an

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