

FIFTY PER CENT. OF PEOPLE OF SAULT HAD REGISTERED UP TILL NOON TODAY

Stiff Penalties for Not Registering Before 10 O'clock Tonight

"Register or quit." That was the mandate handed out to an American plumber who is employed at the Cochrane Hardware, and comes over from the Michigan Soo every morning and returns at night. He had refused to register when requested by a representative of the firm this morning. As the man refused to comply with the request, a ruling on the matter was given by Registrar J. T. MacKay, who told the firm that they were not to pay him any money coming to him in wages unless he registered, and that if he failed to do so today, and returned to the city to work on Monday morning, he would be placed under arrest.

The registration booths were not as busy in the early hours this morning as was to be expected for the last day of registration, apparently the greater majority of the citizens were leaving their registration till this afternoon, when a great many would be free from their work. Scarcely more than a hundred people had registered up till 9.30 a.m.

A record for registering was established at A. D. McNabb's office yesterday, when Mr. McNabb, assisted by his son Findlay, registered three hundred and sixty-eight persons, which is nearly three times that of any previous record in the province.

The Y. M. C. A. had the highest record early this morning of any of the down town booths, having registered sixty-one before 10 a.m.

At the Cochrane Hardware store at the corner of Elgin and Queen streets 123 people registered up to this morning.

The organization work done by Registrar Mackay has been responsible for the success with which the work has been carried on here and throughout the district. The Sault has beaten either Ottawa or Toronto. The latter city has the record of spoiling no less than ten thousand of its registration cards, through a lack of proper instruction of the deputies and the public. In the Sault up till noon today there had been only one spoiled card, and about fifty per cent. of the total registration had been completed, while Ottawa and Toronto up to yesterday had only completed about forty per cent. of its registration work.

Mr. C. W. Jaryis, of Fort William, who is the registration superintendent for the northern section of Ontario, wired his congratulations to Magistrate MacKay last evening on the splendid organization here.

While the registration booths will be open till 10 o'clock tonight it will not be advisable for the public to leave it to the last minute, as some may be left out, and then will follow the penalties, as no hotel is permitted to serve a meal to a man who does not register, and no employer of labor is permitted to employ a man who has not registered, and a stiff fine will be imposed on those who fail to "meet" their obligation in this regard.