

A friendly constable should be present to keep the poll clear of loungers and inquisitive people.

The deputy returning officer should be a reliable, sharp and plausible man, so that if we do not get control of the opposition scrutineer, he can, when the counting-time arrives, ask both scrutineers to take a piece of paper and record the vote of their candidate as he reads the ballots, which have been emptied on the table. He will then have a chance to read out wrongly, so that a majority can be secured for our candidate. The ballots should be put back into the box as quickly as they are read. The extra ones will do to fix things correctly when he goes home.

Spoiled ballots can be made sure by a little doctoring. Opposition ballots can be spoiled by the lead out of a lead-pencil, fastened under the little finger with beeswax, drawn across opposite our candidate's name in opening the ballot.

If you cannot get control of opposition scrutineers have your deputy returning officer announce that he is against you, so as to lead him astray if possible.

Mr. Nat Boyd Had Them.

Mr. Graham said these instructions were handed to Mr. Nat Boyd, a Conservative candidate, by one Freeborn, who swore at the trial he got them from a man named Turner, who told Freeborn he received them from Mr. Robert Birmingham, the organizer for the Conservative party in Ontario. (Ministerial applause.)

Mr. Wardell said it was not true that Mr. Birmingham was the Conservative organizer.

Mr. Graham affirmed positively that Mr. Birmingham ran the general elections for the Conservatives in Ontario in 1898, and also took an active part in the bye-elections in South Ontario, Lennox and North Waterloo. (Ministerial cheers.) Mr. Wardell was associated with Mr. Birmingham in Berlin, and hence, having been in the company of a member of a machine, the Conservative Whip himself must be a member of that machine. (Ministerial cheers.)

Mr. Wardell still maintained that Mr. Birmingham was not the Conservative organizer.

Mr. Graham then read a circular marked "Private and confidential," signed "Robert Birmingham," and dated Feb. 12th last, containing instructions to the Conservatives in the various municipalities to look after the manhood franchise lists, in view of approaching elections. In closing, Mr. Graham urged the House to settle down to the discussion of practical questions such as were outlined in the speech from the throne, and which were calculated to promote the welfare of the Province.

Messrs. Boyd (North Grey) and Lumsden (Ottawa) continued the debate. The latter regretted the pulpwood regulations of Quebec, which, he thought, were unjust for one Province to enact against another. There was yet plenty of timber in the Pro-

vince of Ontario, and he did not think anyone now living would see the end of it. He believed the policy favored by most lumbermen in Ontario at present would be free logs and free lumber, and he believed the United States would remove the duty shortly in the hope of getting free logs. At 11.30 Mr. Lumsden moved the adjournment of the debate and the House adjourned.
