

ABOUT THE ELECTION LAW

MANY PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS JUST NOW

DUTIES OF RETURNING OFFICERS, ELECTION CLERKS AND DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS DEFINED—HOW THEY CAN KEEP THEMSELVES RIGHT WITH THE ACT AND PERFORM THEIR DUTIES PROPERLY.

Fully 6500 persons will, in Ontario alone be engaged as returning officers, deputies or poll clerks, in the forthcoming elections. Nearly twice as many more will be acting as agents of the candidates and all of them will have to, understand their duties. For their guidance, the following digest of the Dominion Elections Act has been prepared;

Duties of Returning Officers—On receipt of the writ, the returning officer must endorse thereon the date of receipt and take before a justice of the peace the oath of office (form B). He thereupon is vested with the powers of a justice of the peace for the time being.

Proclamation—Within eight days of receiving the writ, he must issue a proclamation in reference to the nomination of candidates and naming all the polling booths. This is the most urgent matter the returning officer will have to attend to, and he should select the booth without a day's delay.

Returning Officers in Cities and Incorporated Towns, in fixing the polling places must bear in mind that where the names on the list in any polling district exceed 300, there will be an additional booth for each 300, or portion of 300, the voters being equally apportioned according to alphabetical arrangement, 54 Vic. cap. 18, sec. 6.

The returning officer will select the printer, and cause copies of the proclamation to be posted up at four places in every city, town, village, parish and township (or ward or division) in the electoral district (s. 17).

Election Clerk—The returning officer must appoint an election clerk, to whom he should administer the oath of office (form C and D).

Voters' Lists—The returning officer, should obtain from the revising officer for the electoral district two complete lists of the voters.

Nomination—The nomination must be held in a central and convenient place (a Court house or Town Hall, when practicable), between the hours of 12 and 2 on June 16th, 1895.

Every candidate must, in writing, consent to stand and deposit \$200 cash, and to be returned in writing by at least 25 electors. The signatures of the candidate and nominating electors must be verified. On the demand of any candidate, the returning officer must furnish a certified list of the candidates.

If a candidate be elected by acclamation, the returning officer must immediately certify the fact to the Clerk of the Crown (form H), and send a duplicate of the return within 48 hours to the member elected.

If any nomination is rejected for irregularity, the fact must be specially reported (s. 25).

The candidates deposit will ultimately be returned to him if he is elected or secured at least half as many votes as the successful candidate.

Notice of Poll—When a poll has to be taken, a notice must be printed giving the names in alphabetical order of the candidates, with addresses and occupations (form L), and posted in the same places as the proclamation.

Ballot Papers—The returning officer must have the ballot papers printed. At this election a new form of ballot paper will be used (form J). The names must be arranged in alphabetical order, and the quality of the paper is specified (s. 29 sub-a, 2).

Ballot Boxes—The returning officer must procure from the municipal or other authorities in whose custody they may be a sufficient number of ballot boxes of the form and size specified in the Act, and have them ready for use.

Deputy Returning Officers—The returning officer must in writing (form K) appoint a deputy for each polling booth, to whom he will administer the oath of office (form L), furnishing him with a ballot box, a full supply of ballot papers a certified list of voters for his district, together with a copy of the Elections Act and ten copies of directions to voters and will direct the deputies where to bring their returns after the poll.

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On receiving the boxes the returning officer must immediately place his seal on each (sec. 58).

Summing up—At the appointed time by proclamation the returning officer having received all the ballot boxes is to open them in the presence of the election clerk, the candidates or their representatives or at least two electors, and cast up the votes from the statement made by the deputies. If any of the statements are missing the proceedings must be adjourned (s. 62). Section 64 provides when necessary for a recount before a judge within four days. At the expiration of six days after summing up the returning officer must endorse the result on the writ (form C) and return the writ with all the ballot papers and other papers by registered mail to the

Clerk of the Crown. He is also to send to every candidate a duplicate of their return as indorsed on the writ.

Payment of Accounts—The returning officer should examine very carefully the accounts and receipts of every deputy and poll clerk and constable, and if any are missing or are not in proper form he should without delay get proper accounts and forward them at once with his own account and that of the election clerk for payment. The accounts should be made out in strict accordance with the prescribed table of fees in schedule 2.

The candidates' deposits should be returned to them except when they have become forfeited. In such cases the returning officer is to apply the deposits towards payment of the election expenses rendering an account to the Auditor-General.

Duties of Election Clerk—The election clerk having taken the oath (form D) will act under instructions of the returning officer and assist him generally in his duties.

Duties of Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks—The deputy having received from the returning officer his appointment and taken the oath, should peruse his book of instructions and see that he has all the necessary ballots and other papers and that the ballot box is in proper order.

Polling Clerk—The deputy must, in writing, appoint a poll clerk, to whom he should administer the oath of office (forms N O) and he should also when necessary, engage a constable.

Polling Day—On the polling day, 23rd of June, the deputy should, with his poll clerk, be at the polling booth some time before 9 o'clock. He should see that the room is properly equipped in accordance with section 34 and must post up, both inside and outside the polling booth, the directions to voters. Candidates may be present and agents not exceeding two for each candidate. Agents need not have written appointments, but those having them are to be preferred to those without them. One of the agents of each candidate is to take the oath of secrecy (form Q). At 9 o'clock the poll is to be opened. The ballot box is to be emptied and after examination by the agents must be locked, the deputy retaining the key. Only one voter is to be allowed in the room at a time. Every person whose name is on the voters list may vote once in a constituency, provided he is a British subject of full age and not disqualified. On the voter furnishing his name and occupation the poll clerk must enter them in the poll book. Any person may be required to take the oath (form S) before voting. The deputy, before giving out the ballot paper, must write his initials on the back and on the counterfoil write the voter's number. On receiving back from the voter the ballot folded he is to examine the initials and compare the ballot number with the counterfoil and deposit the folded ballot in the box and the poll clerk is to write "voted" in the poll book. Provision is made by section 49 for illiterates, etc., and by section 54 for those who coming to vote's find some one has already voted upon the same name, and by sec. 55 for spoiled ballot papers. Sections 45, 46, and 51 should be carefully studied.

At 5 o'clock the poll must be closed and the box opened and ballots counted in the presence of the agents, and a statement of result made out and papers put in separate packets as directed in sections 56, 57, 58, and 59. The ballot box, locked and sealed, is to be forthwith taken to the place directed by the returning officer, the deputy and poll clerk taking the oath (forms A A and B B).

In the ballot box the deputy should inclose his account receipted, and also the poll clerk's and constable's receipts.

Candidates and Agents—Two agents or scrutineers may attend at every polling booth for each candidate and may be present at the counting of the ballots.

Candidates and agents should study the 79th and following sections dealing with the subject of treating bribery and other corrupt and illegal practices.

ALTONA

Farmers are well on with seeding in this locality.

Bert Hopkins is working for Ralph Forsyth this summer.

Fishing will be strictly prohibited in both the Altona creeks this season.

John Monkhouse, brother of our merchant, paid us a visit this week.

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Andrew Brown our venerable hotel keeper has had ploughed that small parcel of ground just south of the garden of Eden: his watermelons will do fine there but we very much doubt if they ever reach maturity.

One of our young people received an anonymous letter some time ago. The sender will please remember that an anonymous letter is a mode of moral murder, which, using only an inkstand for a bowl and a pen for a poignard, poisons confidence, and stabs character without fear of detection.

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E. Pryne was summoned as jurymen last week.

E. Campbell has purchased a fine Collie dog.

Mr. and Miss Burnett were the guests of E. Pryne on Sunday.

The farmers in this vicinity have started seeding.

J. Nesbitt, of this town, lost a valuable horse, the cause of his death being unknown.

REMEDIAL BILL.

The Roman Catholic Separate School question is apparently going to the bone contention at the coming elections. It is true that we have such schools legalized in Ontario, but owing to the predominance of the Protestant population they cannot, as a rule, be maintained outside of large towns or cities. Had the population been somewhat evenly divided in the rural sections the maintenance of the two sets of schools would have been a burden to both Protestants and Catholics and most probably action would ere this have been taken for the establishment of a purely secular system of public school education for the whole province.

In the rural parts of Manitoba it would have been almost absolutely impossible to maintain both classes of schools as it would be difficult to find either a sufficient number of children, or enough money to defray expenses.

Educating children in two distinct sets of schools would mean a divided population in more respects than religion. This is patent to any one who has had any connection with schools in Ontario cities.

The Separate Schools in Ontario are admitted by the Catholics themselves to be much inferior to the public schools perhaps owing to the class of text books used, the qualifications of the teachers employed and the deficiency of inspection to which they are subjected.

Every child in the Dominion is entitled to a good and correct common school education if we are to be a prosperous nation and keep in the front rank as a people. We are fully satisfied that a complete separation between secular and religious education is the only lasting solution of the difficulty and we can see no valid reason why this course should not be acceptable, unless it be that the hierarchy fear their power over the people will be diminished.

A boy goes out to learn a mechanical or other accomplishment but who ever thinks of binding his instructor to impart religious instruction in connection. Surely the moral and religious standing of children is not going to seriously suffer because the mind is to be occupied exclusively for six hours each day for five days in the week with other useful employment. The more a person meditates over the various subjects of our secular educational course the more fully will he be convinced of his own lofty origin and destiny as also of the existence and absolute perfection of Deity. A good literary training would tend to prevent the erroneous and absurd conceptions of the sceptic and infidel and in this way help along the cause of the Master.

The question should never have been made a political issue but both parties should have joined hands; as they may largely yet do, and amend our constitution so as to give the people of the whole Dominion national schools, where the rising generation may form lasting friendships and live together in perfect concord.

Our co-religionists should remember that the government should legislate for the well-being of the people as a whole and do all in their power for the unification of all races and creeds in a social point of view, but we are morally certain that this will never be accomplished so long as any class of the community claim the right of educating their children as they please. The state should have the supervision and control of the secular education and should see to it that nothing be taught to the young but such as would foster loyalty, patriotism and national progress.

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