

NOMINATIONS.

The provisions of the Municipal Act divide the municipalities into ten classes for nomination purposes.

The following tabular statement will show when and where nomination meetings for 1898 should be held, and municipal officers to be nominated.

STATEMENT.

MUNICIPALITY.	DATE.	MAYOR.	WHERE.	ALDERMEN.	WHERE.
I. CITIES.....	26 December	10 a. m. to 11 a. m. or if by-law passed, 7.30 p. m. to 8.30 p. m.	At City Hall ..	12 noon to 1 p. m., or if by-law passed, 7.30 to 8.30 p. m. (Councillors)	At City Hall or place in each ward fixed by by-law ..
II. TOWNS— Divided into wards separated from county; population over 5000.....	26 December	Same.....	At Town Hall ..	12 noon to 1 p. m., or if by-law passed at same time as nominations for mayor are held.....	At Town Hall or place in each ward
III. TOWNS. Not divided into wards, separated from county; population over 5,000....	26 December	Same.....	At Town Hall ..	12 noon to 1 p. m. or if by-law passed, 7.30 to 8.30 p. m.	At Town Hall
IV. TOWNS. Divided into wards, not separated from county; population over 5,000....	26 December	(Mayor, Reeves and Deputy-Reeves.) 10 a. m. to 11 a. m., or if by-law passed 7.30 to 8.30 p. m.	At Town Hall ..	12 noon to 1 p. m. or if by-law passed at same time as nominations for Mayor, Reeve or Deputy-Reeve.	At Town Hall or place in each ward
V. TOWNS. Not divided into wards, not separated from county; population over 5,000....	26 December	Same.....	At Town Hall ..	12 noon to 1 p. m. or if by-law passed, 7.30 to 8.30 p. m.	At Town Hall....
VI. TOWNS. Separated from county; under 5,000 population....	26 December	(For Mayor) 10 to 11 a. m., or if by-law passed 7.30 to 8.30 p. m.	At Town Hall..	Same.....	At Town Hall....
VII. TOWNS. Not separated from county; under 5,000 population....	26 December	(For Mayor, Reeve and Deputy-Reeves.) 10 to 11 a. m., or if by-law passed, 7.30 to 8.30 p. m. (For Reeve.)	At Town Hall ..	Same.....	At Town Hall....
VIII. VILLAGES..	26 December	Same.....	At Town Hall ..	Same.....	At Town Hall....
IX. TOWNSHIPS.....	On 26 December, or if by-law passed by county council on 12 December..	12 noon to 1 p. m., or if by-law passed, 1 to 2 p. m.	At Town Hall or place fixed by by-law under s. 123.	12 noon to 1 p. m. or if by-law passed, 1 to 2 p. m.	At Town Hall or place fixed by by-law under s. 123.,
X. COUNTIES.....	19 December	(County Councillors.) 1 p. m to 2 p. m.	At place in each district fixed by Nom. Officer ...		

Nomination Proceedings.

NOTICE.

It is the duty of the clerk or other returning officer to give, at least, six days notice of nomination meeting for county council nominations, two week's notice is necessary. Notice may be given by advertisement in newspapers or printed posters.

NOMINATIONS, SEC. 128.

The persons nominated to fill each office shall be proposed and seconded (seriatim) and every such nomination shall be in writing, shall state the full name, place of residence and occupation of the candidate, and shall be signed by his proposer and seconder.

The change in the law requiring nominations to be in writing came into force on first of January last, and will be in general operation for the first time at the meetings to be held this month. Nomination forms should be provided for use at the nomination meetings.

The tabular statement shows the municipal officers to be nominated at the meetings. In towns where ward elections have been abolished either by by-law or

the amendments of the act of 1898 the number of councillors has been reduced.

In towns, not separated from the county, reeves and deputy-reeves are to be elected as formerly. The general amendment abolishing the election of deputy-reeves and ward elections in townships and villages should be the subject of a short explanatory address by the returning-officer when the nomination meeting opens, so that no misunderstanding will exist among the ratepayers. Articles in this and the November issues explain the amendments.

RESIGNATIONS

may be handed to the returning officer at nomination meeting or on following day.

The nomination meeting continues one hour, during which candidates proposed may resign verbally, but after the nomination meeting all resignations must be in writing, signed and attested by a witness and delivered to the clerk or returning-officer within the time mentioned. When resignations are not received in time or in proper form a clerk has no alternative but to hold the election.

Two Advantages.

Two advantages arising from the abolition of the ward system stand out conspicuously.

In the first place it puts an end to the tiresome and useless personal ward canvas, which deters the best men from seeking municipal honors, and materially helping the town; and in the second place, it prevents ward-elected councillors from devoting their energies to squandering public resources in their own wards in order to keep solid with their supporters.

Abolish the ward system and thus elect the best men and stamp out the pernicious ward politicians.—*Brockville Times.*

The Simcoe county council will pay nominating officers \$15 each, to include all expenses, except hall rent, for nominations, which is fixed at \$4. When county council election only is held, deputy-returning officers will be paid \$4, and five cents per mile to return ballot-boxes, and for polling-booths \$3.