

36. It is very important that inside scrutineers (agents) should be vigilant from the opening of the polls until the ballots are counted and sealed by the Deputy Returning Officer.

37. Do not neglect to procure from the Deputy Returning Officer his signature to the printed form giving a statement of the number of ballots cast for each candidate.

38. Take the oath of secrecy before polling day, and hand your appointment as agent to the Deputy Returning Officer before the poll is formally declared open.

Outside Scrutineers.

39. One or two persons, each provided with a Voters' List, should be stationed at the entrance of the polling booth, so as to keep track of those who have voted. Their names should be at once erased and those scrutineers should, as electors come up, mark the names of voters to be hunted up and brought to the poll.

40. The success of our Candidate may depend upon how this work is done. No time should be lost in securing and bringing the voters to the poll. A VOTE BEFORE TWELVE IS STILL EQUAL TO TWO VOTES AFTER TWELVE.

41. Scrutineers as well as agents should be on the ground before eight o'clock in the morning, an hour before the poll opens. On no account should both the scrutineers, either inside or outside, be away from their place during the day; one at least must remain and his lunch should be brought to him.

42. Outside scrutineers do not require certificates.

43. Any person who presents himself claiming the right to vote on the Returning Officer's certificate on the pretence that he is acting as agent for the opposing Candidate should, before being allowed to vote, be sworn, as in many cases persons who would not dare to present themselves to vote where they are known take these means of slipping in their vote without running the risk of being sworn. THE LAW IS CLEAR THAT SUCH PERSONS MUST BE SWORN.

Voters unable to mark the Ballot Papers.

44. Any person, who from blindness, or other physical cause, cannot mark his ballot, or who is unable to read, can have his ballot marked by the Deputy Returning Officer.

45. If a person finds that another person has voted in his name—in other words, that he has been personated—he is entitled nevertheless to insist on voting.

Counting the Ballots.

46. The agents must remain in the polling stations and see that the ballots are properly counted. The ballots which are not to be counted are:—

(a) Those not supplied by Deputy Returning Officer.

(b) On which votes are given for more than one candidate, except in Ottawa, where every elector is entitled to vote for two candidates.

(c) On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified.

47. The objections made to any ballot should be noted by the Deputy Returning Officer. It is the duty of the agent to see that this is done.