

- *51.** The poll shall be held in each polling district in a room or building of convenient access, with an outside door for the admittance of voters, and having, if possible, another door through which they may leave after having voted; and one or
 5 two compartments shall be made within the room, so arranged that each voter may be screened from observation, and may, without interference or interruption, mark his ballot paper; and a table or desk with a hard and smooth surface shall be
 10 provided, upon which the voter may mark his ballot paper; [and a suitable black lead pencil shall be provided and kept properly sharpened throughout the hours of polling for the use of the voters in marking their ballots.]
- Where the poll shall be held.
 Compartments.
 Table to be provided.
2. The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery may give to the returning officers such instructions as are deemed necessary as
 15 to the mode of making the compartments,—such instructions being first approved by the Governor in Council.
- Instructions by Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.
- R.S.C., c. 8, s. 34 and s. 125, *part*; 1888, c. 11, s. 5; Ingram's Bill, clause 7.
- 52.** The poll shall be opened at the hour of nine of the clock
 20 in the forenoon and kept open until five of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, and each deputy returning officer shall, during that time, in the polling station assigned to him receive, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, the votes of the electors duly qualified to vote at such polling station.
- Hours for polling.
- 25 R.S.C., c. 8, s. 28, *part*, and s. 35, *part*.
- 53.** In addition to the deputy returning officer and the poll clerk, the candidates and their agents (not exceeding two in number for each candidate in each polling station), and, in the absence of agents, two electors to represent each candidate
 30 on the request of such electors, and no others, shall be permitted to remain in the room where the votes are given, during the whole time the poll remains open.
- Who may be present in the polling station.
- Provided always, that any agent bearing a written authorization from the candidate shall always be entitled to represent
 35 such candidate in preference to, and to the exclusion of, any two electors who might otherwise claim the right of representing such candidate under this section.
- Agents authorized in writing.
- R.S.C., c. 8, s. 36.
- 54.** Any person producing to the returning officer or
 40 deputy returning officer, at any time, a written authority from a candidate to represent him at the election or at any proceeding of the election, shall be deemed an agent of such candidate within the meaning of this Act.
- Who may act as agents for candidates.
- R.S.C., c. 8, s. 37.
- 55.** Whenever in this Act any expressions are used, requiring or authorizing any act to be done, or inferring that any act or thing is to be done, in the presence of agents of the candidates, such expressions shall be deemed to refer to the presence of such agents of the candidates as are authorized to
 50 attend, and as have, in fact, attended at the time and place where such act or thing is being done; and the non-attendance of any agents or agent at such time and place shall not, if the act or thing is otherwise duly done, invalidate in any wise the act or thing done.
- As to provisions requiring presence of agents, etc.
- R.S.C., c. 8, s. 129.