

26. If a voter has any doubts as to the validity of his vote, the matter should be thoroughly explained to him before he enters the booth.

27. On no account allow the Conservative Scrutineer to question a voter as to any supposed disability, or to have any conversation with the voter whatever. All the voter has to do is to declare his name, surname, and residence or occupation, and if the opposite Scrutineer is not content he can only have him sworn. (Sec. 43.)

28. From the first, allow neither the Conservative Scrutineer or the D. R. O. to bully you or the Liberal voters, and stick to it until the last vote is polled.

29. You are required to be present at the close of the poll in the counting of the ballots, and to object to all hostile ballots which are improperly marked, or contain anything by which the voter can be identified. You should take full notes of all objections to the marking of any ballot. Section 55 of the Act of 1874 has been amended by section 10 of the Act of 1878, which requires that immediately after the close of the Poll the Deputy Returning Officer shall, *in the presence of at least three Electors*, besides the Poll Clerk and Agents, open the ballot box and proceed to count the number of votes given for each Candidate. In doing so, he shall reject all ballot papers (1) which have not been supplied by him; (2) all marked for more than one Candidate, where one only is to be elected; (3) all on which there is any writing or mark by which the writer *could* be identified. After counting the votes, a list of the number of votes given for each Candidate is required to be prepared and kept, and the ballot papers placed in separate envelopes.

30. In counting the ballots, object to the counting of those which are against the Candidate upon which there is the slightest writing or mark whereby the voter could be identified.

31. When the ballots are counted, insist upon the D. R. O. giving you a certificate of the number of votes given for each Candidate, and of the rejected ballots. Keep a copy of all rejected ballots.

32. Study carefully the synopsis of the Election Law as given in our circular entitled "Information for Reform Candidates and Electors," and act on it. The D. R. O. will have supplied to him a copy of the Election Law, and you can on any disputed point refer him to the sections quoted in these Hints or the circular mentioned.