

not only in Boyd's division, but also in that of McKay. The Boyd crosses were on the right-hand side of his name, and were distinct and conspicuous. They struck the eye at once. The McKay cross upon three of them is obscure and indistinct, and that on the fourth, while more distinct, is much less conspicuous than the Boyd cross. I think that there was no evidence that the McKay crosses were made after the count at the close of the poll. They were not observed, in the hurry of counting, while the crosses for Boyd, being conspicuous, caused them to be at once counted for him. The same thing exactly occurred on the recount, when the Judge, without observing the two crosses, handed all four ballots, as Boyd ballots, to McKay's agent for examination, and when two of them escaped the notice of the agent also, and were not discovered until a second examination by Boyd's agent. Under these circumstances, there is hardly room even for a suspicion that the marks complained of were made after the counting of the votes. It was argued that the condition in which the ballots were found was very suspicious. There appears to have been two (a) packets furnished to the deputy returning officer with printed blank indorsements thereon. He put the ballots in one, and sealed it; but he filled up the blanks in the other, with all the proper indorsements required by sec. 116 of the Act, instead of upon the first. This seems to have been a mere mistake; and it could not have had any connection with the alleged falsification of the four ballots; which were properly disallowed.

Ballot 1293 (Owen Sound, 5) was marked with a distinct cross for McKay, and an obliterated cross in Boyd's division. This was rightly allowed.

Ballot 719 (Owen Sound, 4A) was marked for McKay but had "McKay" written on the back. This was improperly allowed.

Ballot 861 (Owen Sound, 4A) was marked for McKay with a very distinct cross, and had a very faint cross in Boyd's division. The County Judge allowed it, thinking the faint cross was an impression of the other, made by folding. I think, after careful examination, this is not so, and the vote should have been disallowed.

Ballot 8 (Owen Sound, 1) was marked with a perpendicular line, not an attempt to make a cross. I think this was rightly rejected.

Ballot 595 (Owen Sound, 3) was marked with a horizontal line. I think this was rightly disallowed.

Ballot 1082 (Owen Sound, 4) was marked with a straight slanting line. I think this was properly disallowed.