

Secrecy of
vote protect-
ed.

97. No person who has voted at an election shall, in any legal proceeding questioning the election or return, be required to state for whom he voted.

R.C.S., c. 8, s. 71.

Inspection of
ballot papers
in custody
of Clerk of
the Crown in
Chancery.

***98.** No person shall be allowed to inspect any ballot paper in the custody of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, except under the rule or order of a superior court or a judge thereof,—which rule or order may be granted by such court or judge on being satisfied by evidence on oath that the inspection or production of such ballot papers is required for the purpose of instituting [a recount] or maintaining a prosecution for an offence in relation to ballot papers, or for the purpose of a petition which has been filed questioning an election or return; and any such rule or order for the inspection or production of ballot papers may be made subject to such conditions as to persons, time, place and mode of inspection or production as the court or judge thinks expedient, and shall be obeyed by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

R.S.C., c. 8, s. 72; Ingram's Bill, clause 22.

KEEPING THE PEACE AND GOOD ORDER AT ELECTIONS.

Returning
officers and
their deputies
to be conserva-
tors of the
peace.

99. Each returning officer and each deputy returning officer from the time he takes the oath of office until the day after the closing of the election shall be a conservator of the peace, invested with all the powers appertaining to a justice of the peace.

R.S.C., c. 8, s. 73.

May
command
assistance,
etc.

100. Every returning officer or deputy returning officer may require the assistance of justices of the peace, constables or other persons present, to aid him in maintaining peace and good order at such election; and may also, on a requisition made in writing by any candidate, or by his agent, or by any two electors, swear in such special constables as he deems necessary.

R.S.C., c. 8, s. 74.

May arrest
disturbers.

101. Every returning officer or deputy returning officer may arrest or cause by verbal order to be arrested, and place in the custody of any constables or other persons, any person disturbing the peace and good order at the election, and may cause such person to be imprisoned under an order signed by him until an hour not later than the close of the poll.

R.S.C., c. 8, s. 75.

May demand
offensive
weapons.

102. The returning officer or deputy returning officer may, during the nomination day and polling day at any election, require any person within half a mile of the place of nomination or of the polling station to deliver to him any firearm, sword, stave, bludgeon or other offensive weapon in the hands or personal possession of such person; and every person who refuses to deliver such weapon shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars, and, in default of payment of such penalty, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

R.S.C., c. 8, s. 76.