

commenced. Such counting shall be carried on with all possible despatch, and shall be completed not later than three o'clock in the afternoon of the Monday next following polling day.

*Scrutineers to work in pairs*

45. In the counting of votes, scrutineers shall work in pairs, each pair consisting of persons representing different and opposed political interests. The special returning officer shall direct each pair of scrutineers to count the ballot papers for only one electoral district at a time. In the performance of these duties, each pair of scrutineers shall be supplied by the special returning officer with the services of at least one clerical assistant.

*Ballot box used at the count*

46. For the counting of votes the Chief Electoral Officer shall furnish each special returning officer with a sufficient number of specially made ballot boxes. Before the counting of the votes for any given electoral district begins, the ballot box used at such count shall be examined by the scrutineers, and, when empty, shall be locked and the key thereof retained by either the special returning officer, the deputy special returning officer, or a chief assistant.

*Opening special large envelopes*

47. All the special large envelopes containing outer envelopes sorted to a given electoral district shall be opened and their contents placed upon a table. The scrutineers shall examine every outer envelope in order to ascertain if it belongs to the electoral district for which the ballot papers are being counted. If it appears that any outer envelope belongs to another electoral district, the special returning officer shall sort such outer envelope to its proper electoral district and, if the counting of the votes of such electoral district has been completed, the special returning officer shall retain such outer envelope in his possession until the count has been completed in every electoral district. The special returning officer shall then re-open the count in the electoral district to which such misplaced outer envelope belongs and direct the scrutineers to count the ballot paper enclosed in such outer envelope in the manner prescribed by these Regulations. When the outer envelopes have been checked as above prescribed, they shall be opened, and the inner envelopes shall be removed therefrom and immediately placed, unopened, in the ballot box referred to in the next preceding paragraph.

*Procedure when counting votes*

48. When all the outer envelopes for a given electoral district have been opened and the inner envelopes placed in the ballot box, as prescribed in the next preceding paragraph, the ballot box shall be opened and its contents placed upon a table. The scrutineers shall then count the inner envelopes found in the ballot box in order to ascertain if the number of such inner envelopes corresponds with the number of outer envelopes sorted to such electoral district. If the number of inner envelopes does not correspond with the number of such opened outer envelopes, the scrutineers shall make a report to that effect to the special returning officer, stating all particulars, and shall attach such report to the official statement of the count referred to hereunder. The scrutineers shall then proceed to open the inner envelopes and count the votes cast for each candidate and when this has been done, shall make at least three copies of a statement of the count on Form No. 9 of these Regulations. One copy of such statement, to