

ballot paper found in the ballot box, and shall decide any question arising out of the objection.

2. The decision of such deputy returning officer shall be final, subject only to reversal on a scrutiny as hereinafter provided. R.S., c. 106, s. 48.

Decision
final.

55. Each objection to a ballot paper shall be numbered, and a corresponding number placed on the back of the ballot paper and initialed by the deputy returning officer. R.S., c. 106, s. 49.

Each objec-
tion to be
numbered
and initialed.

56. The deputy returning officer shall make out a statement of the accepted ballot papers, of the number of votes given each way, of the rejected ballot papers, of the spoiled and returned ballot papers, and of such as are unused and returned by him; and he shall make and keep a copy of such statement, and in close in the ballot box the original statement, together with the voters' list and certificate, at the foot of each list, of the total number of electors who voted on such list, and such other lists and documents as have been used at such election.

Statement
of accepted
ballot papers

Copy.

Papers to
be inclosed
in ballot box.

2. The ballot box shall then be locked and sealed, and shall be delivered to the returning officer, who shall collect or receive the same.

Delivery to
returning
officer.

3. In case the returning officer shall be unable to collect or receive the ballot boxes, the same shall be collected and received by, and delivered to one or more persons specially appointed for that purpose by the returning officer, and shall on delivering the ballot boxes to the returning officer, take the oath in form K. R.S., c. 106, s. 50.

Or to person
appointed to
receive the
same.

57. The deputy returning officer shall take the oath in form L, which shall be annexed to the statement aforesaid. R.S., c. 106, s. 51.

Oath to be
annexed to
statement.

58. The several deputy returning officers, on being requested so to do, shall deliver to each of the agents, or in the absence of such agents, to the electors present, a certificate of the number of votes given in each interest, and of the number of rejected ballot papers. R.S., c. 106, s. 52.

Certificates
delivered
to agents.

Summing up the Votes and Returns.

59. The returning officer, at the place, day and hour, appointed by the proclamation, and after having received all the ballot boxes, shall proceed to open them in the presence of the agents, if present, and of at least three electors if the agents are not present, and to add together the number of votes given in each interest, from the statements contained in the ballot boxes returned by the deputy returning officer. R.S., c. 106, s. 53.

Returning
officer shall
sum up
statements.

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