

persons elected; and such return shall be in the form H, in the first schedule to this Act. 37 V., c. 9, s. 22.

Report with
return.

25. The returning officer shall accompany his return to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery with a report of his proceedings and of any nomination proposed and rejected for non-compliance with the requirements of this Act. 37 V., c. 9, s. 23.

PROCEEDINGS ON GRANTING OF POLL.

Poll, and
notice thereof.

26. If more candidates than the number required to be elected for the electoral district are nominated in the manner required by this Act, the returning officer shall grant a poll for taking the votes of the electors, and shall cause to be posted up notices of his having granted such poll, indicating the names, residences and occupations of the candidates so nominated, in the order in which they are to be printed on the ballot papers hereinafter mentioned; which notices shall, as soon as possible after the nomination, be placarded at all the places where the proclamation for the election was posted up, and shall be in the form HH, in the first schedule to this Act. 37 V., c. 9, s. 24.

Form.

Withdrawal
of candidates.

27. Any candidate nominated may withdraw at any time after his nomination, and before the closing of the poll, by filing with the returning officer a declaration in writing to that effect, signed by himself; and any votes cast for the candidate who has so withdrawn shall be null and void: and if, after the withdrawal, there remains but one candidate, or no more than the number to be elected, then the returning officer shall return as duly elected the candidate or candidates so remaining, without waiting for the day fixed for holding the poll, or for the closing of the poll if such withdrawal is filed on the polling day. 37 V., c. 9, s. 25.

If no more
remain than
there are
members to
be elected.

Hours for
polling.

28. Whenever a poll has been granted, the same shall be opened at the hour of nine of the clock in the forenoon, and kept open until five of the clock in the afternoon of the day fixed for holding it; and the votes at the several polling stations shall be given on that day, and by ballot. 37 V., c. 9, s. 26.

Ballot papers,
form of.

29. The ballot of each voter shall be a printed paper, in this Act called a ballot paper, with a counterfoil, showing the names and description of each candidate alphabetically arranged in the order of their surnames, or if there are two or more candidates with the same surname, in the order of their first names; the names and description of each candidate shall be set forth in the ballot paper as they have