

municipal hall of the village. . . . The hall . . . is about 32 feet in width and 68 feet in length. . . . The end opposite the entrance door is occupied by a raised stage or platform taking up about 18 feet of the length. The seats in the body of the hall in front of this stage were on polling day moved close together, leaving a clear space 20 feet wide all across the hall in front of the stage between it and the seats. This clear space was used as the polling place. An aisle or passage led down the middle of the hall from it towards the door for the voters to come and go. The seats when put close together took up about 22 feet more of the length, leaving another clear space about 8 feet wide, and all across the hall next the entrance door. It is said that sometimes as many as 30 persons altogether would be in the hall, but it is not shewn that, except in these instances, any one other than the officers and agents, constable, and voters actually engaged in voting, were ever nearer the polling place than this 8-foot space, in which there was a stove. The constable was instructed to keep all others back, and all but the returning officer and agents were put out of the hall when the ballots were being counted. These arrangements at the polling place have been usual for years at all elections in Cardinal. There would be nothing to prevent persons in the 8-foot space from seeing the voters going forward to the returning officer's table, 25 or 30 feet distant, and what took place there might be seen, but could not ordinarily be heard. It is said that on several occasions there were as many as 3 voters at once in the polling place itself, one in each compartment marking his ballot, and a third at the table applying for one. The 3 instances referred to of others being allowed in this space are those of young Crawford while assisting his father; one Baker, who on one occasion went forward and spoke to the returning officer; and one Feeder. It is not alleged that any voter was in the polling place while Baker was there. Feeder, it is alleged, sat about 14 feet from the ballot box, and on the side of the front lines of seats, and checked off the voters with a voters' list as they polled their votes, and left that seat and went to other parts (not stated) of the hall, and returned at intervals during the greater part of the polling. . . . There is no hint that any one but the returning officer objected to Feeder's presence, so it would seem hardly probable that he was there long.