

4. Mr. Henry Hall, also a scrutineer for Mr. Joseph W. Burton, arrived shortly after the poll opened.

5. Before 12.00 noon the Deputy Returning Officer, Arthur W. McDonald, in the presence of his Clerk Peter Gaetz and in the presence of the said Henry Hall and myself produced an envelope and he informed us that there were 2 ballots in the envelope and he wanted to know if it would be all right to put them in the ballot box. I said that that was not done as far as I knew and he stated "Well I just thought I would ask you. My sister and the hired girl are very busy and on account of the rain it isn't easy for them to get out to vote." I told him there were quite a few voters who couldn't get there on account of the rain; that it was too bad we could not get hold of some ballots and send them out to these people who couldn't get out. He said "Of course you wouldn't be able to get hold of the ballots." I said: "That's the only difference." I then turned to the said Henry Hall, asked him for his opinion and he objected to the procedure. The said Deputy Returning Officer then said he would send for his sister and the hired girl. He also said "Here are the two ballots and a sample ballot. They are marked but I have never seen them—I don't know how they voted." The ballots were folded up. I don't know what he did with them but they may have been put in the drawer in the desk at which he sat.

6. About 5.00 p.m. the sister of the said Deputy Returning Officer, Doctor Alice Reid, and his hired girl, Laura Fidyk, came into the polling station together and walked up to the desk. The said Deputy Returning Officer said to them: "The scrutineers are not trying to be mean but decided that you should come over here to vote." He then commenced to tear off a new ballot paper from the book of ballots when the said Clerk Peter Gaetz stopped him saying "Don't do that we have to account for those ballots" and thereupon the said Deputy Returning Officer handed the said Doctor Alice Reid a folded ballot out of the envelope which he had produced in the morning and remarked "This is only a matter of form." He then directed her to go into the booth where I could see her. She did not mark the ballot but returned it to the said Deputy Returning Officer and the latter placed the said ballot in the ballot box.

7. The said Laura Fidyk was not on the voters list so she was called up to the desk and sworn in by the said Deputy Returning Officer following which she was handed the other ballot paper out of the envelope from which he took the ballot paper for Doctor Alice Reid and Laura Fidyk was directed to go into the booth. From there she called out "What shall I do now?" To this the said Deputy Returning Officer replied "Bring the ballot back the way it is." Doctor Reid who was still at the desk said "Don't do anything with it. Just leave it as it is." The said Laura Fidyk did not unfold the ballot but returned it to the said Deputy Returning Officer and it was placed by him in the ballot box.

SWORN before me at the Town of
Humboldt in the Province of Sas-
katchewan this 2nd day of July,
A.D. 1949.

(Sgd.) MAE CORNELIA PRETE

(Sgd.) N. AUDRY,

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for
the Province of Saskatchewan.
My Appointment expires Dec. 31, 1953.