

(b.) without authority supplies a ballot paper to any person, or—

(c.) fraudulently puts into a ballot box a paper other than the ballot paper which he is authorized by law to put in, or—

5 (d.) fraudulently takes a ballot paper out of the polling place, or—

(e.) without due authority destroys, takes, opens or otherwise interferes with a ballot box or packet of ballot papers then in use for the purposes of the election, or—

10 (f.) attempts to commit any offence specified in this section,—

is guilty of an indictable offence, and shall be liable, if he Penalty.

is a returning officer, deputy returning officer or other officer engaged at the election, to a fine not exceeding one thousand

15 dollars, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding [five] years, with or without hard labour, in default of paying such fine,—and if he is any other person, to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding [two years and not less than six months], with or

20 without hard labour, in default of paying such fine.

R.S.C., c. 8, ss. 43 and 100 ; Ingram's Bill, clauses 10 and 26.

#### PROCEEDINGS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE POLL.

25 **\*80.** Immediately after the close of the poll, the deputy returning officer shall [count the number of voters whose names appear on the poll book as having voted, and make an entry thereof on the line immediately below the name of the voter who voted last, thus:—“*The number of voters who voted at this election in this polling division is. . . (stating the number),*”  
30 and he shall sign his name thereto; then], in the presence of the poll clerk and the candidates or their agents—and if the candidates and their agents or any of them are absent, then in the presence of such, if any, of them as are present, and of at  
35 least three electors,—he shall open the ballot box and proceed to count the number of votes given for each candidate [giving full opportunity to those present to examine each ballot.

Counting votes by deputy returning officers.

2. In counting the votes he shall reject all ballot papers which have not been supplied by the deputy returning officer,  
40 all those by which votes have been given for more candidates than are to be elected, and all those upon which there is any writing or mark by which the voter could be identified, other than the numbering by the deputy returning officer in the cases hereinbefore provided for.

Rejecting ballots.

45 R.S.C., c. 8, s. 56, *part.*

**81.** The deputy returning officer shall take a note of every objection made by any candidate, or his agent or any elector present, to any ballot paper found in the ballot box, and shall decide every question arising out of the objection; and the  
50 decision of the deputy returning officer shall be final, subject to reversal on recount or on petition questioning the election or return.

Objections to ballot papers.

2. Each objection to a ballot paper shall be numbered, and a corresponding number placed on the back of the ballot paper,

To be numbered.

55 and initialled by the deputy returning officer.