

CLOSE OF THE POLL.

40. At five o'clock on polling day the Deputy Returning Officer shall declare the Poll closed, and immediately thereafter he and the Poll Clerk, in the presence of the candidates or their agents, shall sum up the votes given each candidate, and shall enter in the Poll Book, immediately below the last name recorded, and sign, a certificate in the following form :

We, the undersigned Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk for the polling division (number or other designation) of the Electoral District of \_\_\_\_\_ solemnly declare that to the best of our knowledge and belief this (or the) Poll Book for the said polling division contains a true and exact record of the votes polled at the polling station thereof; that we have faithfully counted the votes given for each candidate, and that the number recorded for (here insert name of one candidate) was \_\_\_\_\_ (and so on for each of the candidates.)

In witness whereof we hereto set our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_

(Signature) A. B., Deputy Returning Officer.  
C. D., Poll Clerk.

41. A duplicate copy of the foregoing certificate shall be made out and signed in the same manner, on a separate sheet of paper, which duplicate shall be kept by the Deputy Returning Officer, after he has forwarded the Poll Book and Voters' List to the Returning Officer; and if by any means the Poll Book should be lost or destroyed, he shall deliver the said duplicate certificate to the Returning Officer.

42 Every Poll Clerk on being requested so to do by any candidate or his agent, shall deliver free of charge to such candidate or agent a copy of the certificate made by the Deputy Returning Officer and himself at the close of the Poll.

FINAL SUMMING UP OF VOTES.

43. The Returning Officer, at the place, day and hour appointed by his Election Notice, and after having received all the Poll Books, shall proceed to open them in the presence of the Election Clerk, the candidates or their representatives, if present, or of at least two electors, and to add together the number of votes given for each candidate from the Poll Books of the several polling divisions returned by the Deputy Returning Officers; but if all the Poll Books be not received on the day named in the Election Notice, he may adjourn the final summing up of votes until every Poll Book, or in its absence, the duplicate certificate of the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk, has been received.