

" (or touching your qualification to vote at this election, *as the case may be.*) So help you God."

And the Councillor presiding (or the Deputy Returning Officer) shall himself put the questions which he shall deem necessary, or which the electors present shall desire to have put to the candidate or voter.

XIX. At all elections held under this Act the Poll Books containing the names of the voters and other matters shall be attested on oath by each of the Deputies or Clerks who shall have presided at such election in the respective Wards of the said City, each of the said Deputies or Clerks attesting his own, before any Justice of the Peace residing in the said City, which Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized to administer such oath, and the said oath shall be in the following form, that is to say :

" I, A. B., swear that the Poll Book kept by me at the Municipal Election for the Ward Number of the City of St. Hyacinthe (or for the Election of the Mayor of St. Hyacinthe, *as the case may be*) is just and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief—So help me God,"

And the said Poll Books, so attested, shall be deposited in the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the said City, by each of the said Deputies or Clerks within three days after such election.

XX. If any person being examined upon oath or affirmation under this Act as to his qualification to vote or to be elected, shall knowingly forswear himself, he shall be deemed guilty of wilful perjury.

XXI. Every contestation of an Election, either with reference to the qualification of the Members or with reference to that of the voters, or for any other cause whatever, shall be determined by the Members whose elections shall not be contested, and each such contestation shall be tried by the Town Council, within the fifteen days next following the election ; and each such contestation shall be notified in writing to the Councillor presiding at the election, by at least three electors of the City, if it is the election of Mayor that is contested, or of the Ward in which the contested election shall have taken place, if it is that of a Councillor, on the day on which such election shall have taken place, or in the forenoon of the following day ; and when any election shall be declared void for any of the causes aforesaid, or by reason of riotous or disorderly proceedings at the said election, a new election shall be held within the twenty days next after that on which such contestation shall have been decided ; and this election shall be announced, conducted and presided over as is provided by this Act for the annual elections.

XXII. Every witness who, in the case of a contested municipal election, after having been duly summoned to attend at the trial of such contestation, or at the trial of any complaint whatever which shall have been regularly brought before the said Council for any cause whatever, shall willfully neglect or refuse so to attend, shall, on conviction thereof, before one of the Justices of the Peace residing in the said City, be liable to be imprisoned, by order of the said Justice of the Peace, in the Common Gaol of the