

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Writs of election, and powers of officers issuing them and of Returning Officers.

16. For the purpose of elections of Members to serve in the House of Commons, the Governor General shall cause writs to be issued by such person, in such form, and addressed to such Returning Officer as he thinks fit: the persons issuing writs under this section shall have the like powers as were possessed at the Union by the officers charged with the issuing of writs for the election of Members to serve in the respective Legislative Assembly or House of Assembly of the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, or as may be possessed by any such officer in Manitoba or British Columbia respectively immediately before such election; and the Returning Officer to whom writs are directed under this section shall have the like powers as were possessed at the time of the Union in the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia, or New Brunswick, or in the Province of Manitoba or British Columbia, immediately before such election, by the officers charged with the returning of writs for the election of Members to serve in the same respective Legislative Assembly, House of Assembly or Legislative Council, subject to the provisions of this Act.

Tariff of fees to be paid to Returning Officers, &c.

17. The Governor in Council may make a tariff of fees, costs and expenses, to be paid and allowed by the Dominion Government to the Returning Officers and other officers and persons employed at or in respect to elections of Members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada; and such tariff shall be substituted for any provision in any Statute now in force in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia, respecting such fees, costs and expenses.

No candidate to employ means of corruption.

18. No candidate at any election shall directly or indirectly, employ any means of corruption by giving any sum of money, office, place, employment, gratuity, reward, or any bond, bill or note, or conveyance of land, or any promise of the same, nor shall he, either by himself, or his authorized agent for that purpose, threaten any elector with losing any office, salary, income or advantage, with the intent to corrupt or bribe any elector to vote for such candidate, or to keep back any elector from voting for any other candidate; nor shall he open and support or cause to be opened and supported at his costs and charges, any house of public entertainment for the accommodation of the electors; and if any representative returned to the House of Commons, is proved guilty before the proper tribunal, of using any of the above means to procure his election, his election shall be thereby declared void and he shall be incapable of being a candidate, or being elected or returned during that Parliament.

Penalty.

Penalty for corrupt practices by candidate not returned.

19. If any candidate who shall not have been returned is proved guilty before the proper tribunal of using, during any such election means of corruption, he shall be incapable of being a candidate, of being elected or returned during the Parliament for which such election was held.