

A SLOW SWITCHER.

- Q. Was it arranged you should hold any official position? A. In what respect?
- Q. Looking after the interests of those who employed you, seeing that no crooked work was done by the other side? A. Yes, I acted as scrutineer in one polling subdivision.
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- Q. Who was the deputy returning officer there—he was a valuable man, wasn't he? A. Fair.
- Q. More than fair, the results show. He was the deputy sheriff of the county, you know that? A. Yes.
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- Q. He was a deputy sheriff? A. Yes.
- Q. What did you do together? A. I went out to the polling subdivision and acted as scrutineer the same as anybody else would in a division, and I suppose I had to prod him up a little bit now and then.
- Q. Was he slow? A. Too slow, yes.
- Q. What was he slow about? A. He didn't seem to do the work.
- Q. What work? A. The switching the ballots.
- Q. He was slow on the switch? A. Yes.
- Q. Did you get him working honestly—did you get him working properly? A. He worked all right.
- Q. What was the result—what was his capacity? A. I can't remember, he took some few.
- Q. Try and recollect—were there ten? A. I couldn't say positively, I don't want to—
- Q. Do you recollect that he did switch a number there? A. He did.
- Q. You kept prodding him? A. Yes, I seen him do it.
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THE THUMB NAIL DEVICE.

- Q. You showed these distinguished gentlemen how to put on a double cross for the purpose of spoiling a Conservative ballot—
- By His Worship:
- Q. How could they do that?
- By Mr. DuVernet:
- Q. Just as in the North Grey. There is one cross for the one candidate and then the other cross for the other one; when a Conservative ballot wants to be spoiled there is an X put in favor of the Conservative and then he puts one on for the Liberal one.
- Q. Just tell His Worship how that was? A. In putting the cross?
- By His Worship:
- Q. How did they do it—what time? A. When the ballots were being looked over.
- Q. When they are being counted? A. Not when they are counted for the final hut when they are counted with the deputy returning officer and the scrutineer assists in counting to facilitate matters to get it done quickly, then it is done.
- Q. How would he do it, a pencil? A. A bit of lead under his thumb nail.
- By Mr. DuVernet:
- Q. Was that supplied, the little piece of lead, and sometimes they had appliances, little pieces of skin? A. I don't know, I never required any skin, not for that.
- Q. Where did you get the pieces of lead pencil from—who supplied them? A. Generally had them myself.
- Q. You carried them around—that was part of your stock in trade—Mr. O'Gorman and you? A. Mr. O'Gorman did not carry no lead pencils for me. I carried them myself.
- By His Worship:
- Q. It was put in underneath the nail? A. Yes, underneath the thumb nail, and in taking a ballot it is easy to make a mark.