

Oath to be made by the Deputy Returning Officer.

Poll book to be then returned.

Penalties for neglect, &c.

Poll book to be delivered by Deputy in person, unless in case of sickness, &c.

Penalty for neglect.

Proceedings on the day appointed for closing the election.

Counting the votes.

Proclamation of the person elected.

2. And the Deputy-Returning Officer who has kept and closed the Poll shall, before returning the Poll Book as aforesaid to the Returning Officer, make and subscribe, either before a Justice of the Peace for the county or district where he resides, or before the said Returning Officer, the oath in the Form N of the said schedule, which oath shall thereafter be annexed to the said Poll Book; and the Deputy-Returning Officer shall then return the Poll Book to the Returning Officer on or before the day fixed for closing the election;

3. Any Deputy-Returning Officer or Poll Clerk who refuses or neglects to perform any of the obligations or formalities required of him by this section, shall, for each such refusal or neglect, incur the penalty hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: any Deputy-Returning Officer, a penalty of two hundred dollars, and any Poll Clerk, a penalty of eighty dollars. 22 V. c. 82, s. 15.

64. The Deputy-Returning Officer shall deliver the said Poll Book personally to the Returning Officer; and if he is unable to do so by sickness or otherwise, he shall deliver such Poll Book under a sealed cover to a person chosen by him, and shall mention on the outside of such cover the name of the person to whom it has been delivered under a sealed cover to be so transmitted, and shall take a proper receipt therefor;—And any Deputy-Returning Officer failing therein, or in any of the obligations or formalities herein prescribed as to the duties of Deputy-Returning Officers, and any person having taken charge of the Poll Book and failing to deliver the same so covered and sealed in the same state in which he received it, in due time and manner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall incur a penalty of four hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for a term of not less than six months and not more than one year, or be punished by imprisonment and fine together. 22 V. c. 82, s. 16.

#### CLOSING THE ELECTION, AND PROCEEDINGS THEREAFTER.

65. On the day so fixed as aforesaid by the Returning Officer for closing the Election, the said Returning Officer shall proceed at the appointed hour to the same place at which he opened the Election and granted a Poll; and he shall then and there, in the presence of the electors assembled, proceed to ascertain the state of the General Poll at the Election, by counting and adding up from each Poll Book the total number of votes taken and recorded at the Election in all the Parishes or Townships or Unions of Townships or Wards, or part of Parishes or Townships in such Electoral Division for which the Election has been had; and as soon as he has so ascertained the total number of votes, he shall then and there openly proclaim, as being duly elected a member or members to represent such Electoral Division in the Legislative Council or