

ELECTION DAY.

(References are to Dominion Elections Act, unless otherwise stated.)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AGENTS.

The poll opens at 9 A. M. and closes at 5 P. M. Every Agent should be present at the booth at least 15 minutes before 9 o'clock, and see that his name as Agent is entered in the poll book by the Deputy returning officer. (Sec. 59.)

The Agent, if he is to act in a polling section other than that in which he is registered, should, before election day, obtain from the returning officer a certificate of transfer. (Sec. 54.)

If agents have not written authority, two *electors* may act. (Sec. 53.) But agents with written authority have prior right. (Sec. 53.)

No person is entitled or permitted to be present in any booth other than the officers, candidates or agents authorized to attend at the polling place, except two agents to represent each candidate who has no agent. (Sec. 53.)

Deputy returning officers, poll clerks and agents shall, before the opening of the poll, take and subscribe the oath of secrecy required, which oath may be administered by the returning officer, deputy returning officer, or a Justice of the Peace. Insist on this, make note of agent's name and that he took oath. If oath is not taken make formal protest and note it. (Sec. 58)

It is advisable for agents to take the oath of secrecy before a Justice of the Peace *before polling day*, and when this is done the oath signed by the agent, and should be handed to the Deputy Returning Officer, by agent upon entering the booth.

The deputy returning officer, must, immediately before the voting commences, exhibit the ballot box to those present in the booth, so that they may see that it is empty. He must then lock the box and keep it locked until the close of the poll.

Agents are entitled to have the packets of ballots intended for use carefully counted in their presence before opening poll and *have the right* to inspect them and all other papers and documents *if agents are in attendance* 15 minutes before the opening of poll. Inspect with utmost care. (Sec. 59.)

Examine the compartment where voters are to mark ballots, see that there is no chance of exhibiting the **X** or of communication by window or otherwise with the outside. Examine the lead pencil, see that it is a **black lead pencil** (Sec. 72.)