

And to be two in number, and consecutive days.

Exception.

3. Such two Polling days shall be two consecutive days, unless one of such days be a Sunday or one of the holidays hereinbefore mentioned, in which case such Poll shall be opened and held on the next following day, in such manner always that there shall be in each Parish, Township or union of Townships, Ward, or part of a Parish or Township, (as the case may be), two days of polling for taking and recording the votes of the Electors according to law ;

Hours of voting.

4. During such two days of polling, the voting shall commence at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, and shall finish at Five in the afternoon of each of the said days. 12 V. c. 27, s. 17.

#### APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY-RETURNING OFFICERS.

Deputy-Returning Officers to be appointed to hold the Polls.

44. For the purpose of taking the votes at any such Election, the Returning Officer shall, by a Commission under his hand and in the form F of the said Schedule, appoint a Deputy-Returning Officer for each Parish, Township or Union of Townships, or Ward, or part of a Parish or Township, (as the case may be), in which a Polling place is to be opened and kept, three Deputy-Returning Officers being appointed for each of certain Wards in the Cities of Montreal and Quebec as hereinbefore provided :

Their oath of office, &c.

2. Each Deputy-Returning Officer shall, before acting as such, take and subscribe, either before a Justice of the Peace for the County or District in which he resides, or before the Returning Officer, the Oath number Three in the said Schedule, of the taking of which Oath there shall be delivered to him by the Functionary before whom he has taken it, a Certificate under the hand of such Functionary in the form G of the said Schedule ;

Penalty for refusing to perform the duty.

3. Any person so appointed a Deputy-Returning Officer who refuses to accept the said office, or who after having accepted the same refuses or neglects either to take and subscribe the said Oath hereby required of him, or to perform the duties of a Deputy Returning Officer, shall, for such neglect or refusal, incur a penalty of one hundred dollars. 12 V. c. 27, s. 18—*part.*

In Upper Canada certain local officers to be appointed Deputy-Returning Officers.

45. The Returning Officer for every County, or Riding or Electoral Division for the Legislative Council, in Upper Canada, shall appoint as such his Deputy for each Township or Union of Townships in which a Polling place is to be opened and kept according to law, the Town Clerk for the time being of such Township or Union of Townships, and in case of the absence, sickness or death of any such Town Clerk, then he shall appoint as such his Deputy, as aforesaid, instead of such Town Clerk, the Assessor or Collector of such Township or Union of Townships ; 12 V. c. 27, s. 18—*remainder.*