

THE MUNICIPAL WORLD.

NOMINATIONS.

The provisions of the Municipal Act divide the municipalities into eight classes for nomination purposes. The following tabular statement will show when and where nomination meetings for 1900 should be held, and the municipal officers to be nominated.

STATEMENT.

MUNICIPALITY.	DATE.	MAYOR.	WHERE.	ALDERMEN.	WHERE.
I. CITIES..... Sections 118 and 119.	31 December	10 a. m. to 11 a. m.....	At City Hall..	12 noon to 1 p. m. or if by-law passed under section 120, 7.30 p. m. to 8.30 p. m..... (Councillors.)	At City Hall or place in each ward fixed by by-law..
II. TOWNS Divided into wards; population over 5,000..... Sections 118 and 119.	31 December	10 a. m. to 11 a. m. or if by-law passed under section 120, 7.30 p. m. 8.30 p. m.....	At Town Hall	12 noon to 1 p. m., or if by-law passed under sec. 120, from 7.30 to 8.30 p. m.....	At Town Hall or place in each ward
III. TOWNS Not divided into wards; population over 5,000..... Sections 118 and 119.	31 December	Same.....	At Town Hall	Same.....	At Town Hall.....
IV. TOWNS Divided into wards; population 5,000 and under..... Sections 118 119 and 71a.	31 December	10 a. m. to 11 a. m. or if by-law passed under section 120, 7.30 p. m. to 8.30 p. m.....	At Town Hall	Same.....	At Town Hall or place in each ward
V. TOWNS Not divided into wards; population 5,000 and under..... Sections 118, 119 and 71a.	31 December	Same	At Town Hall	Same.....	At Town Hall.....
VI. VILLAGES..... Sections 119 and 120.	31 December	12 noon to 1 p. m. or if by-law passed under section 120, 7.30 p. m. to 8.30 p. m.....	At Town Hall or at such place as may be fixed by by-law.....	Same.....	At Town Hall or at such place as may be fixed by by-law.....
VII. TOWNSHIPS..... Sections 119, 122 and 123.	On 31 December, or if by-law passed by county council under section 125 on 17 December..	12 noon to 1 p. m., or if by-law passed under section 122, 1 to 2 p. m. (County Councillors.)	At Town Hall or place fixed by by-law under s. 123.....	12 noon to 1 p. m., or if by-law passed under section 122, 1 to 2 p. m.	At Town Hall or place fixed by by-law under s. 123.
VIII. COUNTIES..... Section 133.	24 December.....	1 p. n. to 2. p. m.....	At place in each district fixed by Nom. Officer sec. 132 (1) (a) and sec. 7,6,23, 61 Vic.		

Nomination Proceedings.

NOTICE.

It is the duty of the clerk or other returning officer to give, at least, six days' notice of nomination meeting. For county council nominations, two weeks' notice is necessary. Notice may be given by advertisement in newspapers, or printed posters.

NOMINATIONS, SEC. 128.

The persons nominated to fill each office, shall be proposed and seconded (*seriatim*) and every such nomination shall be in writing, and state the full name, place of residence, and occupation of the candidate, and shall be signed by his proposer and seconder.

The change in the law requiring nominations to be in writing came into force on first of January, 1899. Nomination forms should be provided for use at the nomination meetings.

The tabular statement shows the municipal officers to be nominated at the meetings. In towns where ward elections have been abolished, either by by-law or the amendments of the Act of 1898,

the number of councillors has been reduced.

RESIGNATIONS.

may be handed to the returning officer at nomination meeting or on the following day, at any time before 9 o'clock p. m.

The nomination meeting continues one hour, during which candidates proposed may resign verbally, but after the nomination meeting all resignations must be in writing, signed and attested by a witness and delivered to the clerk or returning-officer within the time mentioned. When resignations are not received in time or in proper form a clerk has no alternative but to hold the election.

A nominating or returning officer should not refuse to accept a nomination paper for the reason that he has a personal knowledge of the fact that the person nominated thereby is not a legally qualified candidate; the responsibility of deciding this question should be left to the courts. The Municipal Act does not make it the duty of such officer to read each nomination paper to the assembled electors, either when handed to him or at the close of the nomination meeting. He

may do this, however, as a matter of courtesy. At the close of the nomination meeting he should announce the names of the candidates placed in nomination. The nominator and seconder of a candidate should both be present at the nomination meeting, and should be electors of the municipality. It is not necessary that a person nominated should be present at the meeting.

Public ownership of public franchises is progressing in Ontario. Almonte is the latest town to give its adhesion to the principle. It submitted a by-law to the vote of the ratepayers on October 26th, to raise \$30,000 for the establishment of municipal electric lighting in that town, for the purchase of a site and the necessary plant and equipment. A year ago a similar by-law was defeated in Almonte by a majority of 38, but this year the by-law was carried by a majority of 115, and this out of a possible 495 votes on the list. The by-law met with much opposition from many of the leading men of the town, and from the remarks made in the *Gazette* in giving the result it is to be inferred that it is not satisfied.