

Directions in reference to the Pending Civic Elections.

John Shirreff, Esq., High Sheriff, the Returning Officer appointed by the Act of Assembly to hold the first election for Mayor and Aldermen in the Town of Chatham has prepared the following—

DIRECTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF OFFICERS HOLDING ELECTIONS, AND FOR ELECTORS, IN THE TOWN OF CHATHAM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT INCORPORATING THE SAID TOWN AND "THE TOWNS INCORPORATION ACT, 1896."

1. The Returning officer shall appoint suitable persons to act as Presiding Officers, who shall be sworn to the proper and faithful discharge of their duties.

2. The poll shall be opened at ten o'clock in the morning, and remain open until four in the afternoon.

3. At the first election of Mayor and Aldermen each candidate for the office of Mayor or Aldermen shall be nominated in writing by at least two qualified electors of the Town, and the nomination paper shall be deposited with the Returning Officer at or before 10 o'clock in the morning, previous to the opening of the election. If only one candidate be nominated for Mayor within the time specified, the Returning Officer, shall at the hour when nominations close, declare him elected Mayor. If no more than eight candidates be nominated for Aldermen, he shall in like manner and at the same time declare the whole eight duly elected as Aldermen. If there are more candidates than one for Mayor, or more candidates than eight for Aldermen, then a poll shall be held. The Returning Officer shall provide such ballot box or boxes as may be required. Each elector may ballot for one candidate for Mayor, and for as many candidates as there are Aldermen to be elected for Aldermen. Any ballot containing more than one name for Mayor, or more than the number of names to be elected for Aldermen shall be rejected and not counted. The ballots may be written or printed as provided in the schedule of the Towns Incorporation Act (see form appended thereto). In case of a tie the Returning Officer shall have the casting vote.

4. Every male person and every widow and unmarried female, being ratepayers of the Town on income or personal property to the amount of one hundred dollars or upwards, or on real property to any amount, and having paid his or her rates due, previous to such election, whose name appears on the list of voters of the Ward in respect of which he or she claims the right to vote, shall be entitled to vote.

5. In any case in which the name of any person entitled to vote shall have been omitted from the voters list, it shall be placed thereon by the poll clerk, on the person claiming to vote, producing and having authenticated his or her receipt for the payment of the taxes which would give such claimant the right to have his or her name regularly placed on the voters list.

6. Any person claiming to vote shall, before voting, if required by the officer or person holding such election, or by any candidate, or by any person qualified to vote at such election, make oath, or be legally entitled so to do shall make affirmation before the officer or person holding such election as follows, that is to say—

I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am of the full age of twenty-one years, and that I am the person named in the list of voters, and that I have not voted before at this election—So help me God.

Which oath or affirmation the officer or person holding such election is authorized to administer, and in every case where the elector shall have been sworn or affirmed as aforesaid, the presiding officer shall write in his poll book that such elector was sworn or affirmed.

7. Every elector entitled to vote shall be entitled to vote for Mayor, and for two Aldermen for each ward for which Aldermen are to be elected.

8. Each ballot paper to be used at any and every such election shall contain the names of the persons nominated for the office of Mayor and Aldermen, and the persons nominated for the office of Aldermen for all the wards for which more than two persons have been nominated.

9. If a greater number of persons are nominated for the office of Mayor and Aldermen respectively, than are required to fill said offices, the names of the different candidates for said offices shall be posted in some conspicuous place in each polling booth where such election is to be held, and the polling officers shall, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the day of such election, open a poll for the election of persons from among the candidates nominated, and shall keep the same open till four o'clock in the afternoon of the said day.

10. At any election for Mayor and Aldermen every elector shall vote at the poll for the Mayor, and the voters list shall for his name appears, and not elsewhere, and non-residents shall vote at the poll for the ward in which their qualification is located, but no person shall vote at any one election in more than one polling place. Non-residents having property in more than one ward may modify the Returning Officer as to the ward for which he desires to vote, and the Returning Officer shall enter his name on the list for that ward.

11. Excepting the electors desiring to vote, not more than two of whom shall be admitted at a time, no person shall be allowed in the room in which the poll is being held excepting the presiding officer and Poll Clerk, also one or more constables to preserve order (the number so to be allowed to be in the discretion of the presiding officer), and also one agent for each of the candidates duly appointed in writing. No agent or other person shall, in the room where the poll is being held, be permitted to offer any elector a ballot, or otherwise canvass him or seek to influence his vote.

12. On the Presiding Officer being satisfied of the right of any person claiming to vote to do so, he shall receive from such elector, his ballot, and in the presence of the elector, place the ballot paper in the ballot box. The presiding officer shall mark off from the list the name of each person, as he deposits his ballot, and the poll clerk shall enter on the poll list the name of each elector voting, and any other fact the presiding officer may require him to note, and shall assist the presiding officer in counting and tallying the ballots.

(a) Every person who seeks to ascertain how an elector has marked his ballot paper, and every elector who exposes his ballot paper so as to show how it is marked, shall incur a penalty of twenty dollars.

(b) If any ballot paper should be deposited with more names thereon voted for than the number of names to be elected, such ballot paper shall be declared void in so far only as relates to the Mayor, or to the Aldermen for the ward in respect of which the informality has occurred as the case may be.

(c) Every elector must vote without undue delay, and shall put the polling station as soon as his ballot paper has been placed in the ballot box.

(d) Any writing or mark placed on a ballot paper, by a voter, which would be calculated to indicate the identity of the voter and thereby impair the secrecy of the ballot, shall invalidate the ballot paper, and it shall be the duty of the presiding officer to reject such ballot when counting the ballots polled.

13. The polling officers at any election of Mayor and Aldermen or any or either of them shall not be disqualified from voting at such election, as electors, by reason of being such officers.

14. The name of each elector voting at such election shall be written in a poll list, and after the close of the poll the officer holding the election shall forthwith openly and publicly ascertain and declare the number of votes given for each of the candidates, and as soon as possible thereafter he shall make return thereof to the Returning Officer, who at the hour of five o'clock in the afternoon of such election day or so soon thereafter as practicable, declare the candidate or candidates having the greatest number of votes duly elected; provided however, in case an equal number of votes shall have been cast for two or more candidates, for any office, the Returning Officer shall give the casting vote or votes, and declare such candidate or candidates for whom he shall give such vote or votes duly elected, in addition to those, (if any) already returned by acclamation.

15. If any person shall fraudulently vote at any such election by personating any elector, or being qualified, shall vote more than once at any election for Mayor or Aldermen he shall, for every offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

See That You Get "GOLDEN RULE" or "WHITE EAGLE" FLOUR AND TAKE NO OTHER. Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

OUR GRAY FRIENDS are now saying that Mr. Morray was only their "jack at a pitch."

IN PORT—Up to yesterday three steamers and nine square-rigged vessels had arrived at this port for coal.

IMPROVEMENT—The Liberal Herald announces that it has a new heading, which it most needs is a new head.

IN ROM—A despatch of the 7th inst. says: The Pope to-day received in audience the Rev. Thomas F. Barry, Vice-Chancellor of Chatham, Canada.

THE "ADVANCE" is for sale at Johnson's Bookstore, and the circulating Library, Diamond building, next door to the Telephone Exchange.

MIRAMICHI MARKET WORKS—If you are looking for the right kind of cemetery work, we are quoting prices which will draw the order from your inside vest pocket.

J. H. LAWSON & CO.

THE LEADING IDEA of last Wednesday evening's Grit Convention at Chatham was furnished by an active orator, who laid down the law in a most forcible manner.

IF YOUR blood is vitiated, cleanse it without delay by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

CHATHAM LIBERAL CONSERVATIVES are to meet in Masonic Hall on 10th to select delegates to the county convention for the nomination of candidates.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?—Referring to the fact that Mr. W. S. Logie has issued a card announcing himself a candidate for the office of Alderman for Wellington Ward, the Liberal Herald says it hopes "that the new council will be made up of good business men in whose hands the ratepayers can safely place their confidence and the management of the financial affairs of the town."

SERIOUS ACCIDENT—On Thursday last Mr. Asa Whitehead, machanic, and one of the most efficient of the mechanical staff of the Snowball Siding saw mill, was thrown over a revolving pulley by the belt and had a fall of seven feet, by which his right leg was broken in two places—one break being below the knee and the other at the thigh bone. He is under the care of Dr. J. B. Benson.

FOR NEW MILLS—G. H. Wall of Shelburne, is removing his mill from Shelburne to New Mills, Restigouche county. The mill was brought by schooner to Dorchester and put on cars at the wharf. While on the wharf on Thursday, a brother of Mr. Wall had his foot badly jammed by a portion of the machinery sliding against the side of the car and catching the foot between the two.

THE NEW PLATFORM—They have a new Grit platform in New Brunswick, but it does not seem to be a great improvement on any of its predecessors. There's no reciprocity about it—unrestored or otherwise—let it be presumed to represent the party's policy for this particular election.

ASCENSION DAY—Today being the Festival of Our Lord's Ascension there will be Divine Service in St. Mary's Church at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11 o'clock service and also at 7.30 p.m. On Sunday next the day of Ascension Day will be observed including the Festival anthem "Leave us Not." The special offering on Sunday next will be for Domestic Missions in Algoma and the North West.

AN ATTRACTION to buyers of family groceries, provisions, dry goods and general household supplies is offered by Mr. Roger Flanagan at his well known store on St. John Street, Chatham, in the form of silver knives and forks, silver spoons, silver stands and boxes of tea. His issues tickets which are countersigned by a list of willing time they make purchases, and no matter how small the amount, it is punched off, and when the purchases aggregate either \$10 or \$20, as the case may be, one of the articles specified, a crest stand, or a dozen of silver knives or forks for a \$20 ticket, or a 5 lb. box of tea, or 1 doz. silver spoons for a \$15 ticket is given free.

AN ACTIVE ADMINISTRATOR—Hon. Raynor General Tweedie who returned home yesterday appears to know how to expedite business as the record of his work for the past few weeks shows. He has been in the office of the presiding officer, and also one agent for each of the candidates duly appointed in writing.

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of going out of his way to have a flag raised in honor of the fact that he could do so in his usual and congenial way, from "behind the hedge."

THE DARK TRADE. A story is going the rounds to the effect that Mr. Taylor, the Conservative whip, while at a church tea meeting, objected to the references made by the clergyman to the politicians, whereupon a ruction ensued. While with there in the story it is difficult to say. But here is a composition verse from the Truro Herald: "At a recent prayer meeting in Truro a good Grit prayed that 'God would cause the Grit party to 'consort together,' whatsoever a plot 'Grit' present should 'Amel' amon!'" This led the Grit brother to make the following amendment to his prayer. "Not O Lord in the secret our Tory brother comes, but in the spirit of accord and concord." "Any word will do, Lord, any word will do," interposed the Tory. The pastor immediately made a note that hereafter politics should be left out of the prayer meeting.

ONE of the honors of the approaching election for the House of Commons is the presence on the part of some of Mr. Mitchell's friends that he has recently the fact, which is both provoking and dangerous. The rim will then spring back sufficiently to allow the tire to clear the fork and if caution against hard usage is taken the wheel may ride with perfect safety.

THE "ADVOCATE'S" comments are to the point, but Mr. Mitchell can't be made to see the situation as persons resident in the county do. To be a county candidate is to be caught in the rain and the water is almost certain to penetrate the bearing unless there is oil inside. He has said well: where to exclude the dust, and find no gum, paste or other mechanicalness in his wheel for months at a time.

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