

The Final Result

120 of Hall's ballots are marked No. 2 for Friar, and 20 are marked No. 2 for Ames, and these ballots are transferred accordingly as shown in the column headed "4th count."

There is still no candidate with more than 1,000 ballots to his credit, so the man now at the bottom of the poll is eliminated. Jones, with 425 votes, is dealt with. 17 ballots have no further choices marked upon them and are therefore eliminated from the count and added to the non-transferable ballots. 68 ballots have Friar marked as second choice, and 340 have Ames marked as No. 2 thereon. These ballots are duly credited to these men as shown in the column headed "5th count."

The result of the fifth count does not alter the situation and the candidate at the bottom of the poll is now dealt with. Ames' ballots are examined and it is found that 600 of them have no further choices shown thereon, and they are therefore added to the non-transferable ballots and are wasted. 202 have Friar marked as next choice thereon, and are transferred to him. 80 have Dare marked as next choice thereon and he is credited with them. The election is now completed, for only four candidates remain, namely : Brown (Labour), Casey (Labour), Dare (Conservative), and Friar (Liberal). These men are therefore elected.

Dangers to be avoided

P.R. is a method which, if properly followed, will give representation to all shades of opinion which have sufficient voting strength, *provided that voting strength is properly used*. The illustration given herein was prepared for the express purpose of showing how the voter may abuse his privileges by failing to use his vote to the fullest extent. A number of steps in the counting have been elaborated upon for this purpose, and some of the calculations shown would not be necessary in actual practice.

Lack of organization and "plumping" may produce fatal results to a political group. To emphasize this, let us examine the total votes cast for the respective groups as shown in the column headed "1st count." The result is as follows :