

8. None of the persons hereinafter mentioned, unless they are sheriffs, registrars, town clerks or assessors, shall be obliged to act as returning officers, deputy returning officers, election clerks or poll clerks, that is to say :—

Who shall not be bound to act as such.

(a) Professors in any university, college, high school, or academy ;

(b) Physicians or surgeons ;

(c) Millers ;

(d) Postmasters, Customs officers, or clerks in post offices or customs offices ;

(e) Persons of sixty years of age or upwards ;

(f) Persons who have previously served as returning officers at the election of a member for the House of Commons. 37 V., c. 9, s. 6.

DUTIES OF RETURNING OFFICERS AND DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS AND THEIR CLERKS.

9. The returning officer shall, on receiving the writ of election, forthwith indorse thereon the date on which he receives the same, and before taking any further action thereon, he shall take the oath of office in the form B in the first schedule to this Act. 37 V., c. 9, s. 7.

Indorsing receipt, and oath of Returning Officer.

10. The returning officer, by a commission under his hand, and in the form C in the first schedule to this Act, shall appoint an election clerk, and may, at any time during the election, appoint, in the same manner, another election clerk, if the one so appointed resigns, refuses or is unable to perform his duties as such clerk. 37 V., c. 9, s. 8.

Appointment of Election Clerk.

11. The election clerk shall assist the returning officer in the performance of his duties, and act in his stead as returning officer, whenever the returning officer refuses or is disqualified or unable to perform his duties, and has not been replaced by another. 37 V., c. 9, s. 9.

Duty of Election Clerk.

12. The election clerk shall, before acting as such clerk, take the oath of office in the form D in the first schedule to this Act. 37 V., c. 9, s. 10.

Oath of office.

13. The returning officer shall ascertain from the lists of voters which, under the provisions of this Act, are to be used at the election—and in electoral districts where there are voters entitled to vote but there are no lists of voters, from such other information as is within his reach—the

Returning officer to ascertain persons entitled to vote, and by what means.