for Casey. In other words one-fourth of the ballot (1,204 divided by four equals 301) shows Ames as second choice, and three-fourths of the ballot (1,204 divided by 4 equals 301 ; 301 times 3 equals 903) show Casey as second choice. If this happened, three-fourths of the surplus 204 would be credited to Casey and one-fourth to Ames, as follows :

Transferred to Ames, ¼ of 204 . . 51 votes.
Transferred to Casey, ¾ of 204 . . 153 votes.

Total surplus transferred. . . . . . . 204 votes.

Eliminating Defeated Candidates

The transfer of Brown's surplus does not result in the election of any more candidates. There is no other candidate with more than the quota so the next step is to eliminate the candidate at the bottom of the poll. Good, with 196 votes, is at the bottom. His ballots are re-examined and found to be straight Conservative ballots, every one having the figure 2 marked against the name of the other Conservative, Dare. In consequence they are all transferred to Dare with the result that he now has 1,000 votes to his credit, and is therefore declared elected. These changes are shown in the column headed "3rd count."

No candidate has more than 1,000 votes to his credit at this point, so the candidate at the bottom of the poll now is eliminated. Hall, the Liberal nominee, is the man. His ballots are re-examined with very unsatisfactory results. 204 of the ballots have nothing more than the figure 1 opposite Hall's name on them. The men who marked these ballots have "plumped" for Hall, and they will suffer for their shortsightedness.

They have lost their votes by "plumping," because Hall is defeated and cannot use them, and they cannot be transferred to other candidates because the voters have made no further choices. Not only have these men lost their votes but subsequent developments will reveal that they have allowed a Labour candidate to be elected in the place of a Liberal candidate who should have been elected. It does not pay to "plump" under P.R. Use all your preferences and mark as many choices as there are vacancies to be filled.