

United Church of Canada

Steward of the Quarterly Board, or should there be no such official in office then by the minister for the time being in charge of the congregation.

2. The ballot shall be in the form following or to the same general effect:—

Presbyterian Church

The (or as the case may be)

Are you in favour of this Congregation entering the United Church of Canada?	Yes.
	No.

N.B.—Voter should mark an X opposite the answer which he or she wishes to give to the question submitted and sign this ballot in the presence of a witness and return to the Clerk of Session (or as the case may be) on or before the _____ day of _____ 19____, when the vote will be closed.

Witness..... Signature.....

3. The said Clerk of Session or Recording Steward or Minister of any Congregation in which a vote is to be held shall personally deliver a copy of said ballot to each member of said Congregation entitled to vote, or shall mail a copy of such ballot to each such member, postage prepaid, and addressed to the last known post office address of such member at least two weeks before the day for the closing of said vote, and the said Clerk of Session or Recording Steward or Minister shall keep an accurate list of the names of all persons to whom such ballots are delivered and of the names and addresses of all persons to whom such ballots are mailed, and shall verify the accuracy of said list by solemn declaration.

4. The said Clerk of Session or Recording Steward or Minister shall likewise deliver or mail at the same time to each said voter an envelope addressed to himself in which the said ballot may be returned to him and upon which the words "ballot paper" shall be printed for purposes of identification.

5. Should any person entitled to vote not receive his ballot in due course he shall be entitled to personally require the said Clerk of Session or Recording Steward or Minister to deliver him a ballot at any time before the close of said poll.

6. Should any ballot of a voter or the envelope for the return thereof be lost, defaced or destroyed before having been deposited, the voter, on establishing said fact by affidavit or solemn declaration, shall be entitled to a new ballot or envelope at any time before the closing of said vote.

7. The said ballots shall be signed by those entitled to vote in the presence of a witness, and shall thereupon be returned in the envelope aforesaid properly sealed to the said Clerk of Session or Recording Steward or Minister either by personal delivery or by mail with postage prepaid.

8. At 8 o'clock in the evening of the day mentioned on said ballot, which shall be not sooner than two weeks from the said date of mailing or delivery, the said vote by ballot shall be closed and the Clerk of Session or Recording Steward or Minister shall thereupon cause to be summoned a meeting of said Session or Quarterly Board without delay for the purpose of verifying the result of said vote.

9. To this meeting of Session or Quarterly Board when convened the said Clerk of Session or Recording Steward or Minister shall produce all said envelopes containing the ballots received by him before the closing of the vote and shall verify the accuracy of this fact by solemn declaration.

10. At said meeting of Session or Quarterly Board the said Session or Quarterly Board or a sub-committee thereof of not less than five members appointed for the purpose shall open the said envelopes and verify

[Mr. Duff.]

and count the said ballots, and shall determine and declare the result of said vote, and shall prepare a list containing the names of all voters who may have cast a vote upon said ballot and showing whether said voters have answered the questions submitted Yes or No.

11. The result of said vote by ballot as so determined shall thereupon be certified by the Minister in charge and by the Clerk of Session or Recording Steward of the Quarterly Board (if any) of said Congregation, and any person who may have cast a ballot upon said vote shall be entitled to obtain upon request from said officers a copy of said certificate.

12. On the two Sabbaths following the verification of the result of said vote by ballot as aforesaid the Minister presiding at all diets of worship then held shall announce from the Pulpit the result of said vote, and a copy of the certificate of the result of said vote as aforesaid shall be posted at or near the entrance to the church edifice, and a copy of said certificate shall be forthwith deposited with the Clerk of Presbytery or Secretary of the Conference having jurisdiction over such Congregation, and also to the Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada or to the Secretary of the General Conference of the Methodist Church or to the Secretary of the Congregational Union and/or to the Secretary of the General Council of the United Church as the case may be.

13. All ballots cast upon said vote shall be retained in the possession of the said Clerk of Session or Recording Steward or Minister, as the case may be, for one month following the close of said vote, and the said ballots and/or the list of votes cast may be examined in the presence of said officers by any member who may have cast or been qualified to cast a ballot upon said vote.

14. Failure or omission to strictly observe any of the detailed requirements of these regulations shall not entail the nullity of the vote in the congregation in question, provided that the Superior or County Court of the Province having jurisdiction over such congregation shall decide, if appealed to within thirty days from the first public declaration of the result of said vote, that said vote has been taken substantially in accordance with these regulations and that no such failure or omission has materially affected the result of such vote.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is on the amendment.

Mr. T. W. CALDWELL (Victoria and Carleton): Before you put the amendment, Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I submit that the amendment is not in order as the House has already voted on an amendment having the same purpose as this one.

Mr. DUFF: The point of order is not well taken.

Mr. SPEAKER: The amendment differs from the previous one but, in my judgment, not materially, though I think in justice to the minority they should have the right to test the feeling of the House.

Mr. J. L. BROWN (Lisgar): Have the rules of the House been complied with in the matter of giving notice?

Mr. SPEAKER: I notice there is a clause in the amendment that it be referred back to