

Ballot 2650 (Owen Sound, 10) was properly marked for McKay, but had the words "objection No. 1 (Boyd)" in pencil on the back, over the initials F. C. I think this was rightly allowed, for the words appeared to have been written by the deputy returning officer.

Ballot 2671 (Owen Sound, 10) was marked with a perpendicular straight line for Boyd. I think this was rightly rejected.

Ballot 3934 (Sydenham, 2) was marked with a line. This was rightly disallowed.

Ballots 8006 (Sarawak, 3), 6406 (St. Vincent, 9), 6816 (Keppel, 3), and 4816 (Meaford, 2) were each marked with a cross on the back. These were rightly disallowed.

Ballot 5912 (St. Vincent, 5) was marked with a distinct cross for Boyd, and an indistinct one for McKay. This was rightly disallowed.

Ballot 5027 (Meaford, 4A) was marked with several tremulous connected marks in McKay's division. This was an evident cross, and rightly allowed.

Ballot 5278 (Meaford, 6A) had a strongly marked cross for McKay, and a thin, faint, upright pencil mark on the upper edge of the ballot paper, in Boyd's division, not indicative of any intention to make a cross. This was rightly allowed for McKay.

Ballot 5289 (Meaford, 6A) was marked with a distinct cross for McKay, and in the same division another slight irregular pencil marking. This was rightly allowed.

Ballot 5298 (Meaford, 6A) was marked with a distinct cross for McKay, and in the same division a series of slight, cloudy, formless pencil markings. This was rightly allowed.

Ballot 6764 (Keppel, 3) was marked with two lines lying very close to each other, but both distinctly visible in Boyd's division. The lines slant from right to left; one is a little shorter than the other. From the top and for a little more than a third of their length, they appear to coincide, and then diverge at a very acute angle. The mark appeared to have been made by two separate strokes of the pencil. Following the opinion of Ritchie, C.J., Strong and Gwynne, J.J., in the Bothwell Case, 8 S. C. R. 696, I think there was evidence of an intention to make a cross, and the vote should have been allowed for Boyd.

The result is, that two of the votes counted for McKay should be disallowed, and one which was disallowed to Boyd should be counted for him, and McKay's majority is, therefore, reduced to two.