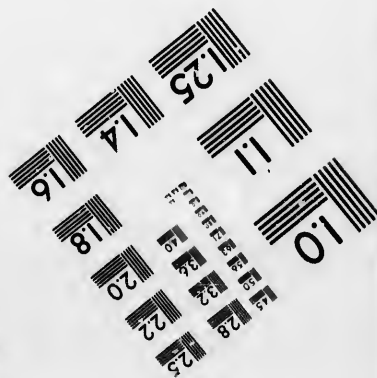
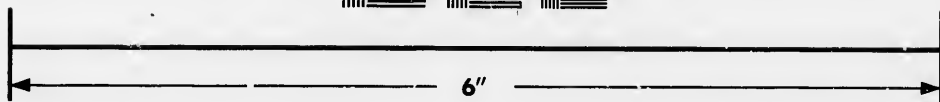
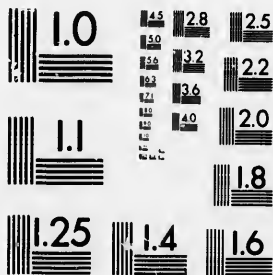


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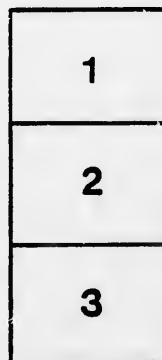
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QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS,

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WHO ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. The only persons who can vote (except by "tendered ballot") are persons whose names are on the First and Third parts of the Voter's Lists, as sent out by the Judge to the Clerk of the Peace. *This is the first and indispensable qualification.*

2. The second essential is that the person claiming the right to vote is at the time of the election, and was at the time of the *final revision* and correction of the assessment roll, a resident and domiciled within the electoral district.

3. He must be of the age of twenty-one years.

4. He must be by birth or naturalization a British subject. The foregoing are essentials in the qualifications of all voters.

Owners, Tenants, Occupants, and Householders.

In addition, if the person claiming the right to vote, does so as (1) owner, (2) tenant, (3) occupant, (4) householder, he must, if required, be able to swear that he was in his own right, or in the right of his wife either on the day that the Roll was returned by the assessor, or on the day when the Roll was finally revised (these dates the Deputy-Returning officer is obliged to state) possessed of the real estate in respect of which his name is entered on the List of Voters as owner, tenant, occupant, or householder respectively.

Income and Wage-Earner Electors.

Those who claim the right to vote as Income or Wage-Earner Voters must have been (1) resident of the Electoral

District at the time of the *final revision* of the Assessment Roll, (2). Must have resided continually since the day of the date of the final revision and up to the time of the Election in the Electoral District, and (3). Must be a resident at the time of the Election of the same Electoral District. And he must be able to swear that at the date of the final Revision, and for twelve months previously, he was in the receipt of an income or wages from his (a) Trade, (b) Occupation, (c) Calling, (d) Office, or (e) Profession, to a sum not less than \$250. But in the case of a Wage-Earner, the fair value of any board or lodging furnished, given, or received as or the lieu of wages may be reckoned.

It makes no difference in the case of Income Voters, whether their taxes have been paid or not.

Landholders' Sons.

(This includes Farmers' Sons).

The Landholder's Son (and under this name the Farmer's Son is now included) must be

(1) A resident of the District at the time he tenders his vote.

(2) He must have resided in the District *with and in the residence* of the Landholder whose son he is, (he may be a son, stepson, grandson, or son-in-law, and the Landholder may be father, grandfather, step-father, or father-in-law, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, or step-mother) for the twelve months next before the RETURN by the assessor of the Assessment Roll. But temporary absence—not exceeding six months in all—during this period—nor absences in the occupation of a mariner or fisherman, or as a student in some institution of learning in the Province—does not count.

(3) His father, etc., or mother, etc., must at the date of the return of the Assessment Roll have been the owner to his or her own use, as owner, tenant, or occupant of the property in respect of which his name is mentioned on the Roll, and he must have resided with his parents on this particular piece of property.

Indians.

Indians who possess the same qualifications as white men, and (1) who have been duly enfranchised. (2) who do not reside among the Indians, although they participate in the annuities, interest, moneys and rents of a tribe, may vote.

Persons not Entitled to Vote, are

1. Judges and Stipendiary Magistrates.
2. Officers of the Customs.
3. Clerks of the Peace.
4. County Attorneys.
5. Registrars.
6. Sheriffs,
7. Deputy Sheriffs.
8. Deputy Clerk of the Crown.
9. Agents for the sale of Crown Lands.
10. Postmasters in Cities and Towns. Country Postmaster may vote.
11. Officers employed in collecting excise duties.
12. The Returning Officer and his Election Clerk, but Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks may vote.
13. Any person who has been employed at the election or in reference thereto, in forwarding the same, and for which services he has been, is, or expects to be paid or remunerated.
14. Any person bribed.
15. Any person paid or who has been promised payment (a) for loss of time (b) travelling expenses (c) hire of team.

Appointment of Scrutineer or Agents.

During the week before polling day two intelligent persons for each polling sub-division should be appointed. The agents should be appointed by written authority, but if no agents have been appointed by the Candidate, any two electors friendly to him can undertake and perform the duties (see Sec. 194 of Election Act).

These agents are to act in the polling booth, and they should make themselves perfectly familiar with the contents of these

hints. They should be furnished with a copy of the Voters list; and on this list the names of those who are to be objected to and sworn should be marked. The agent, therefore, would as a general thing only have to insist on the oath being administered.

The chief grounds of objections may thus be summarized :—

(1) That the person presenting himself is not the person named, but is *personating some elector*. If the agent is not satisfied of the indentivity of the person tendering himself as a voter (and one at least of the agents should be well acquainted with all the electors of the sub-division) he should require to have him sworn.

(2) That he is not now, or if now a resident, has not been for the required period a resident of the electoral district.

(3) That he is not of age.

(4) That he is not a British subject.

(5) If owner, tenant, occupant or householder, that he was not, nor was his wife, at the time required (as above see page 3) the bona-fide owner, etc.

(6) If Income or Wage-earner—that he was not in receipt of the income or wages (board included) of \$250.

(7) If as landholder's son—that his parent was not possessed of the property mentioned in the Voters' List—in his or her own right—that he did not live on the property, nor with his parents, etc. (see page 4).

(8) That the Voter has been engaged or performed services in connection with the election for which he has been paid or expects to be paid or rewarded.

(9) That he is suspected to have been bribed.

(10) That his travelling expenses have been paid or promised.

(11) That his team has been hired.

All but the first of these grounds of objection should be considered before polling-day, and the Voters' List marked with the letter " S " before the name of each person who is to be sworn. The Agent, however, will have to be guided by cir-

cumstances as to who else should be sworn beyond those so marked.

Outside Scrutineers.

One or two persons, each provided with a Voters List, should be stationed at the entrance of the Polling Booth, so as to keep track of those who have voted. Their names should be at once erased, and those agents should, as electors come up, mark on the cards (provided for the purpose) the names of voters to be hunted up and brought to the poll.

The success of our candidate may depend on how this work is done.

No time should be lost in securing and bringing the doubtful voters to the Poll. A VOTE BEFORE 12 IS STILL EQUAL TO TWO VOTES AFTER 12.

Agents both inside and outside as well, should be on the ground before 9 o'clock in the morning, before the Poll opens. If not bad votes may be slipped in. The Deputy Returning Officers as a general rule will be hostile to our candidates, and on no account should both the scrutineers either inside or outside be away from their place during the day, one at least must remain and their lunch should be brought to them.

If Deputy Returning Officers, Poll Clerks or Agents have to be at a polling sub-division where they are not entitled to vote, they must procure from the Returning Officer a certificate entitling them to vote at the Polling Division at which they are to act. A form of certificate is to be had of the Central Organization, without this certificate they cannot vote.

Oaths.

Any elector who desires to vote as owner, tenant, occupant, or householder, or as landowner's son, may at his choice, and no matter how he may be entered on the Voters' List, take either of the oaths. Form 18 or 20. (Sec. 91 Election Act.)

The oaths are printed in the appendix for the information of any voter who may desire to know whether he may have to swear before going into the polling booth.

If Voters with the Returning Officers' certificate present themselves to vote at a polling place where they are not on the list, it is the duty of the Deputy Returning Officer to have them sworn before he takes their vote. (See sub-sec. 5, sec. 87 of Election Act.)

The agent must see this is done, as frequently voters, who would not dare to vote where they are known, are sent to some other polling place, in the hope that their vote may be taken without the oath being tendered to them.

The agent should himself take the oath of qualification before voting.

Voters Unable to Mark the Ballot Papers.

Any person who from blindness, or other physical causes,—*or who makes a declaration that he is unable to read* (he must make the declaration before he can be admitted to vote in this way), can have the ballot marked by the Deputy Returning Officer—but one of the agents of each candidate *must be present* at the time to see that the D. R. O. acts fairly.

Tendered Ballots.

1. If a person finds that another person has voted in his name—in other words, that he has been personated—he is entitled to insist on having what is known as a tendered ballot handed to him, on which he can vote.

2. So also if any person's name which ought to have been on the Voters' List is not, he also is entitled to vote on a Tendered Ballot paper.

Those Tendered Ballots are not counted by the Deputy Returning Officer, but in the event of a scrutiny may then be counted.

Counting the Ballots.

The Agents must remain in the Polling Booths and see that the Ballots are properly counted.

The Ballots which are not to be counted are :

- (1) Those not supplied by Deputy Returning Officer.

(2) On which votes are given for more than one candidate, except in Toronto where every elector is entitled to vote for two.

(3) On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified.

The objections made to any ballot should be noted by the Deputy Returning Officer. It is the duty of the Agent to see this is done.

Important.

Before leaving the booth the Agent should obtain, and safely keep, a written statement of the result of the poll, duly signed by the Deputy Returning Officer, the poll Clerk, and the agents present who are willing to do so. (See 105 Election Act, p. 42.)

Note.

The chief change in the law is that residence in the electoral district is an essential qualification, non-residents have no votes.

FORM 18.

(Referred to in Section 91.)

FORM OF OATH OF PERSONS VOTING AS OWNER, TENANT OR OCCUPANT
OF REAL ESTATE, OR AS A HOUSEHOLDER.

You *swear* (1) that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of _____ on the list of voters now shewn to you ;
(2) That on the (3) _____ day of _____ 18 _____, you were actually, truly and in good faith possessed to your own use and benefit, as either owner, tenant or occupant, in your own right or in the right of your wife, of the real estate in respect of which your name is as aforesaid entered on the said list of voters, and are as such entitled to vote at this election ;

That you were at the time of the final revision and correction of the assessment roll on which said list of voters is based and are now actually and in good faith a resident of and domiciled within this electoral district ;

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years :

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not directly, or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting, at this election.

So help you God.

(1) If the voter is a person who may by law affirm, then for "*swear*" substitute "*solemnly affirm.*"

(2) The Deputy Returning Officer should hereupon shew the voters' list to the voter.

(3) The date to be here inserted in administering the oath is AT THE CHOICE OF THE VOTER, to be EITHER the day certified by the Clerk of the Municipality to be the date of the RETURN by the Assessor of the assessment roll upon which the voters' list used at the election is based ; or the day so certified to be the date when by law the said roll was to be considered and taken as FINALLY REVISED.

NOTE.—In the oath administered to a Deputy Returning Officer, poll clerk or agent VOTING UPON A CERTIFICATE issued under Sec. 87, for "*on the list of voters now shewn to you,*" substitute "*on the list of voters for the Municipality of* _____," naming the municipality mentioned in the certificate.

48 V. c. 2, Sched., Form 18.

FORM 19.

(Referred to in Section 91.)

ORDINARY FORM OF OATH OF PERSON VOTING IN RESPECT OF INCOME,
OR AS A WAGE-EARNER.

You *swear* (1) that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of _____ on the list of voters now shewn to you ; (2)

That on the (3) _____ day of _____ 18 _____, you were and thenceforward have been continuously and still are a resident of this electoral district and are entitled to vote at this election.

That at the said date, and for twelve months previously, you were from your trade, occupation, office, calling, or profession, in receipt of an income or wages amounting to a sum not less than \$250 ; (4).

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised to you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not, directly or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting at this election.

So help you God.

(1) If the voter is a person who may by law affirm, then for "*swear*" substitute "*solemnly affirm.*"

(2) The Deputy Returning Officer should hereupon shew the voters' list to the voter.

(3) The date to be here inserted in administering the oath, is the day certified by the clerk of the municipality to be the DATE OF THE FINAL REVISION and correction of the assessment roll upon which the voters' list used at the election is based for the municipality.

(4) If the municipality in which the voter is voting is a Township there must be added at the end of this clause of the oath the words following :— " Estimating as part of said income or wages the fair value of any board or lodging had, given to, or received by me during the said twelve months as or in lieu of wages."

NOTE.—In the oath administered to a Deputy Returning Officer, poll clerk or agent VOTING UPON A CERTIFICATE issued under sec. 87, for "*on the list of voters now shewn to you*" substitute "*on the list of voters for the municipality of* " naming the municipality mentioned in the certificate.

49 V. c. 3. s. 3.

FORM 20.

(Referred to in Section 91).

FORM OF OATH FOR A LANDHOLDER'S SON.

You *swear* (1) that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of _____ on the list of voters now shown to you ; (2)

That on the (3) _____ day of _____ 18 _____, A. B. (4) was, as you verily believe actually, truly, and in good faith possessed to *his* (5) own use as owner, tenant or occupant of the property in respect of which your name is so as aforesaid entered on the said voters' list, and was then actually and in good faith residing and domiciled upon said property ;

That you are a *son* (6) of the said *A. B.* ; (4)

That you resided within this municipality with the said *A. B.*, for and during the whole of the twelve months next before the return by the assessor of the assessment roll on which the voters' list used at this election is based, not having been absent during that period, except temporarily and not more than six months in all, and except and save for and during such further time (if any) as was spent by you either in the occupation of a mariner or fisherman, or as a student of some institution of learning situate within this Province ;

That you are still a resident of this Electoral District, and are entitled to vote at this election ;

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place.

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not directly or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting, at this election.

So help you God.

(1) If the voter is a person who may by law affirm, then for "*swear*" substitute "*solemnly affirm.*"

(2) The Deputy Returning Officer should hereupon show the voters' list to the voter.

(3) The date to be here inserted in administering the oath is the day certified by the clerk of the municipality to be the date of the RETURN by the assessor of the assessment roll upon which the voters' list used at the election is based ;

(4) The name of the voter's father or step-father, or mother, or step-mother should be inserted here.

(5) If the name of the voter's mother is inserted, then for "*his*" substitute "*her.*"

(6) If the voter is voting as a "*stepson,*" or "*grandson*" or "*son-in-law,*" then for the word "*son*" substitute the word "*stepson*" or "*grandson,*" or "*son-in-law*" as the case may be.

NOTE.—In the oath administered to a Deputy Returning Officer, poll-clerk, or agent VOTING UPON A CERTIFICATE issued under Sec. 87, for "*on the list of voters now shown to you,*" substitute "*on the list of voters of the Municipality of*" naming the municipality mentioned in the condition.

49 V. c. 3. s. 4.

