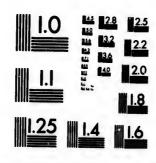


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THE LIBERAL PARTY, 1882.

HINTS TO SCRUTINEERS.

1. See that you have with you on polling day :-

(1) Written authority from the Candidate to act as

his Agent at the poll.

(2) A "Scrutineer's Sheet" or carefully prepared Voters' List, with notes for your guidance, showing each voter who is to be objected to or sworn, with reasons assigned; or who is non-resident, absent or dead.

And that you have carefully read over, if possible:—
 The Dominion Elections Act of 1874 and 1878; the

(1) The Dominion Elections Act of 1874 and 1878; the Voters' List Act, Ont., Revised Stat., chap. 9, amended by chap. 21, 1878, and chap. 3, 1879; and so much of "The Election Act of Ontario" (Revised Statutes, chap. 10) as respects the qualifications of voters, and amendments thereto by the Act of 1879, chap. 4, p. 14.

(2) If you have not those at hand, see that you have read and carried with you to the poll the folded sheet entitled "Information to Reform Candidates and Electors," which contains almost all the points needed to be known

by you.

3. Be at the polling place, if at all possible, about eight a.m.,

and see that you have co-operating with you :-

(1) On the outside a person who knows the sub-division, furnished with a copy of the "Scrutineer's Sheet" or printed Voters' List, who should remain at the door of the polling room all day, and erase on the list the names of each voter as he goes in to vote.

(2) A number of active workers outside under the control of the Sub-division Committee who are engaged in

bringing up voters.

(3) It possible (though not absolutely necessary), it is better to have another agent with you inside who knows every voter on your list in order to avoid personation. Two agents, and only two, for a candidate can be present in the polling booth at the same time

4. See that you have read carefully over and understand

the Forms of Oaths given at the end of these Hints.

5. If possible, go over the canvass books and the voters' list with the canvassers or committee men in the sub-division a day or two beforehand, so as to be thoroughly conversant with the case of every individual voter.

6. Poll as many votes, and especially as many doubtful votes,

as possible, early.

7. Carefully scrutinize each voter as he enters the polling room, ascertain from your sheet whether he is friendly or not, or is a non-resident or absentee, or of the name of a voter reported deceased. In any case of doubt as to his identity with the person under whose name he proposes to vote, put the question, "Are you the same person named on this Voters' List?" In case of hesitation on the part of an unfriendly voter, require the Deputy Returning Officer to administer the oath. Check off on your sheet the persons who vote and who are sworn, or otherwise objected to. 1 111 1 2 1

8. See that the Deputy Returning Officer does not act ignorantly or capriciously, and keeps within the line of duty

prescribed by law. Programment to the programment of the programment o

9. Never be afraid to swear hostile voters. When you believe that a voter should be sworn for any reason, insist on the oath being put. Every Conservative voter who votes elsewhere should be sworn.

10. See that the Deputy Returning Officer puts his initials on the back of every ballot paper handed to a Liberal voter.

11. Every person whose name appears on the Voters' List for each polling sub-division, and no other person, can vote.

12. A voter who has destroyed his ballot paper is entitled to have another paper on delivering the paper destroyed. (37

13. In case an elector, in whose name another person has previously voted, desires to vote, he is entitled to receive a tendered ballot paper upon taking the required oath. (37 Vic.,

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1b. No voter who has once refused the eath can be subsequently admitted to vote. (37 Vic., cap. 9, sec. 51, Canada.)

16. Where a Conservative voter gives a name which does not sound the same as that on the list of the D. R. O., insist on



his being sworn; but where he is friendly, see that the vote is allowed when you know the vote to be a good one, and on no account allow the vote of a friendly voter to be thrown out on account of the mis-spelling of the name, the wrong Christian name, or wrong designation. So long as he can swear that he is the person intended to be designated on the list, he can vote.

17. If a person named in the Voters' List has before polling day ceased to be the owner, tenant or occupant, he may still vote provided he is a resident of the electoral division. (See Form of Oath and Revised Statutes of Ontario, page 83.)

18. Persons who are entitled to property in right of their wives, or to an equitable interest in land, are entitled to vote.

19. When real property is owned or occupied jointly by two or more persons, all are entitled to vote if the property is of value sufficient to qualify each if it were equally divided between then

20. When land is leased, both landlord and tenant are entitled to vote if in cities the property is assessed at \$400, in incorporated towns \$300, and in villages \$200. (See Revised Statutes, Ontario, cap. 10, and 42 Vic., cap. 4.)

21. If a Conservative farmer's son is placed on the list for another portion of the farm than that on which his father resides, swear him. He has no vote. (See the cath.)

22. In cases of farmers' sons, if the father is dead and the mother the owner of the property, the son or sons have the right to vote.

23. Carefully scrutinize all Conservative votes which appear to be assessed on the same property. If two or three are down for the same property there is almost sure to be fraud, and unless it is known that they have a joint interest, swear them.

24. In the event of a voter being wrongly described on the Voters' List (for instance, if a farmer's son is described on the list as owner, tenant or occupant, or any one of those described as the other), he can select the form of oath which he prefers to take, and which meets his particular case. (See 42 Vic., cap. 4, sec. 17, Ont.

25. Where you deem a friendly voter to be illiterate or unable to mark his ballot, see that the D. R. O. marks it in the presence of yourself and the other scrutineer. But the outside scrutineer should have thoroughly instructed such a friendly voter before he enters the booth.

26. If a voter has any doubts as to the validity of his vote, the matter should be thoroughly explained to him before he

enters the booth.

27. On no account allow the Conservative Scrutineer to question a voter as to any supposed disability, or to have any conversation with the voter whatever. All the voter has to do is to declare his name, surname, and residence or occupation, and if the opposite Scrutineer is not content he can only have him sworn. (Sec. 43.)

28. From the first, allow neither the Conservative Scrutineer or the D. R. O. to bully you or the Liberal voters, and stick to

it until the last vote is polled.

29. You are required to be present at the close of the poll in the counting of the ballots, and to object to all hostile ballots which are improperly marked, or contain anything by which the voter can be identified. You should take full notes of all objections to the marking of any ballot. Section 55 of the Act of 1874 has been amended by section 10 of the Act of 1878, which requires that immediately after the close of the Poll the Deputy Returning Officer shall, in the presence of at least three Electors, besides the Poll Clerk and Agents, open the ballot box and proceed to count the number of votes given for each Candidate. In doing so, he shall reject all ballot papers (1) which have not been supplied by him; (2) all marked for more than one Candidate, where one only is to be elected: (3) all on which there is any writing or mark by which the writer could be identified. After counting the votes, a list of the number of votes given for each Candidate is required to be prepared and kept, and the ballot papers placed in separate envelopes.

30. In counting the ballots, object to the counting of those which are against the Candidate upon which there is the slightest writing or mark whereby the voter could be identified.

31. When the ballots are counted, insist upon the D. R. O. giving you a certificate of the number of votes given for each Candidate, and of the rejected ballots. Keep a copy of all rejected ballots.

32. Study carefully the synopsis of the Election Law as given in our circular entitled "Information for Reform Candidates and Electors," and act on it. The D. R. O. will have supplied to him a copy of the Election Law, and you can on any disputed point refer him to the sections quoted in these Hints or the circular mentioned.

TO THE OUTSIDE SCRUTINEERS.

33. You should have at least three men helping you, who know where the voters reside. You should, along with the inside men, keep them posted as to who have not as yet voted.

34. See that every friendly vote is polled before one o'clock in

the day.

35. Where you think a friendly voter does not know how to mark his ballot, explain it to him fully, and see that he understands it before he enters the polling booth.

36. Have a dozen voters at the polls before 9 a.m.

37. You should have a copy of the Scrutineer's Sheet or Voters' List, should carefully mark off each voter who enters to vote, and from time to time let all those who are bringing up voters know who are yet to be polled. You should also see that there is no *inactivity*, and that all workers and conveyances are kept moving. It is needless to add that you should know every man in the sub-division.

POLL EVERY POSSIBLE VOTE. THE LOSS OR GAIN OF A SINGLE VOTE IN EACH SUB-DIVISION MAY MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

BETWEEN VICTORY AND DEFEAT.

RESPECT OF REAL ESTATE.

See Section 91, Revised Statutes Ontario, Chapter 10, and 42 Vic., Cap. 4, Sec. 17, and Form 18 in Schedule.

"You swear (or solemnly affirm) that you are the person

named (or purporting to be named, by the name of

) on the list of voters now shown unto you (showing

the list to the voter);

That on the day of , one thousand eight hundred and "(see note below), you were (and, if the fact be so, still are) actually, truly, and in good faith possessed to your own use and benefit as either owner, tenant or occupant, of the real estate in respect of which your name (or the said name of) is entered on the said list of voters (or if the person has ceased to be such owner, tenant or occupant, as the case may be, then insert these words: "and that you are still a resident of this Electoral District"), and as such 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 by birth (or 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.

* 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 and corrected.

FORM OF OATH TO BE TAKEN BY A FARMER'S SON.

See Revised Statutes Ontario, Chapter 10, Sec. 91, and 42

Vic., Cap. 4, Sec. 17, and Schedules.

You swear (or solemnly affirm) that you are the person named (or purport, 3 to be named, by the name of in the list of voters now shown to you (showing the list to the voter);

That on the day of 18 * (see note below), A. B., viz. (the voter's father or mother, naming him or her) was, as you verily believe, actually, truly and in good faith, possessed to his (or her) own use and benefit as owner of the real estate in respect of which your name is so, as aforesaid, entered on the said Voters' List;

That you are a son of the said A. B.;

That you resided on the property for the twelve months next before the return of 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 four months in all;

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 by birth (or 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.

FORM OF OATH OF PERSONS VOTING IN RESPECT OF INCOME FRANCHISE.

See Revised Statutes Ontario, Chapter 10, Section 91, and Form 19.

You swear (or solemnly affirm) that you are the person named (or purporting to be named, by the name of in the list of voters now shown you (showing the list to voter);

That on the day of , one thousand eight hundred and (the day certified by the Clerk of the Municipality as 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 township, city, town or village, as the case may be), you were, and thenceforward have continuously been, and still are, a resident of this township (city, town or village, as the case may be);

That at the said date, and for twelve months previously, you

^{*} 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 and corrected.

were in receipt of an income from your trade (office, calling or profession, as the case may be) of a sum of not less than four hundred dollars;

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

That you are a subject of Her Majesty by birth (or naturalization, as the case may be);

That you have not voted before at the election, either at

this or any other polling place;

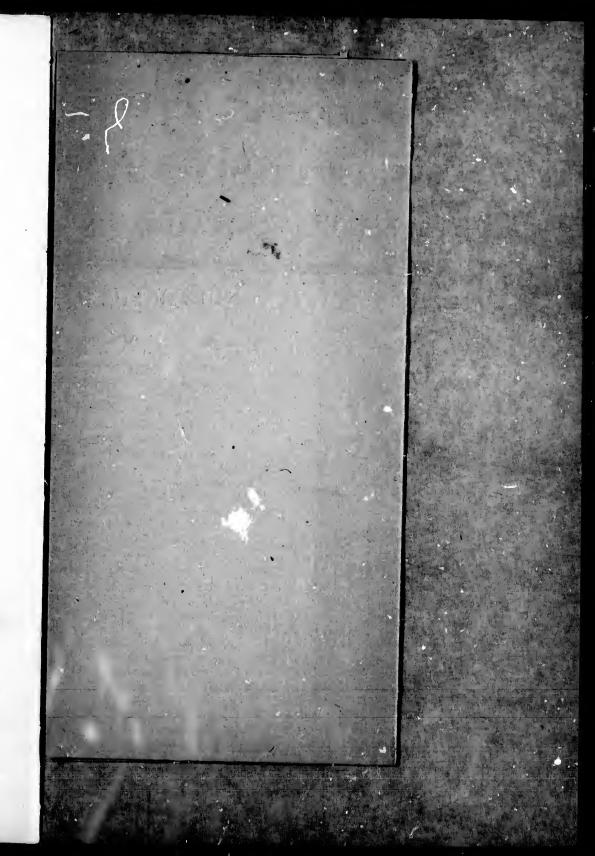
That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith;

That you have not, directly or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote or to re-

frain from voting;

And that you have (if the Voters' List being used is based on the Assessment Roll for any previous year, insert these words, "prior to the 31st day of December last year;" or if the Voters' List being used is based on the Assessment Roll for the same year as that in which the election is being held, and the voter has paid his taxes, then insert these words: "before the date of the writ under which this election is being held,") duly paid all municipal taxes whatsoever assessed or rated against you in respect of the income for and by reason of which you are rated and entered on the Assessment Roll upon which the Voters' List used at this election is based: so help you God. (Or if the Voters' List being used is based on the Assessment Roll from the same year as that in which the election is held, but the Collector's Roll for the same year has not been in the Collector's hands for at least one month before the date of the writ of election, and the voter has not paid the municipal taxes, then omit all the words of this oath after the words "refrain from voting," and instead thereof insert the following: "and that the Collector's Roll, based on the Assessment Roll upon which the Voters' List used: at this election is based, has not been in the hands of the Collector for at least one month before the date of the writ under which this election is being held: so help you God.

For form of oath of person voting in respect of income, when the taxes relating thereto were made payable by instalments, see 42 Vic., Cap. 4, Form 19 A.



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- electors, as otherwise many votes may be lost.
- 2. Only two agents for a candidate can be present in the polling booth at
- 3. A written authority is necessary from a candidate to entitle an agent to act at the note.
- 4. One of these two agents should be personally acquainted with every voter in order to avoid personation, and should also be farnished with a copy of the Voters' List showing how the electors will vote according to the canvass. One of the Scrutineers should, if possible, be a lawyer or a law student.
- 5. They should together with the outside agents, be at their posts at least an hour before the polls are open, i. c., at eight a. m.
- 6. Arrangements should be made whereby as many as possible of the t'onservative votes will be polled immediately after the opening of the poll. The importance of this cannot be overestimated. It creates a favorable impression of strength, and forbids the possibility of our being injuriously affected by the exhaustion of the supply of bullot papers, to which was due the loss of several of the Quebec constituencies, and onables the scrutineers to devote their entire attention to the few defaulters who invariably linger to the close of the pell. At least ten Conservative votes should be present before the pell opens.
- 7. There should be at least three outside men to each poll and a captain, who know where the voters reside, and who should be informed from time to time by the inside men who have not yet voted. The outside men should, if possible, be those who have made the canvass of the sub-division.
- 8. The outside men should see that every friendly vote is polled by one v'clock, no matter at what inconvenience.
- 9. No man should be appointed Scrutineer who is afraid to swear hostile voters, or otherwise to attend to the interests of the candidate. When a Scrutineer believes that a voter should be sworn for any reason, insist on the oath being put. Every Grit voter who votes elsewhere should be sworn.
- 10. No voter who has once refused the earl be subsequently admitted to vote. (37 Vic., Cap. 9, Sec. 51., Canada.)
- 11. In case an elector, in whose name another person has previously voted, desires to vote he is entitled to receive a tendered ballot paper upon taking the required oath. (37 Vic., Cap 9, Sec. 53.)
- 12. A voter who has destroyed his ballot paper is entitled to have another paper on delivering the paper destroyed. (37 Vic., Cap. 9, Sec. 54.)
- 13. No Scrutineer should have liquor of any kind in the polling booth or elsewhere, and should forbid any friend supplying it during the day.
- 14. When the vote of a friendly voter is challenged, allow of no discussion; insist upon the oath being put without any threats, suggestions, or amplifications on the part of the Deputy Returning Officer or Grit Scrutineer.
- 15. Where a Grit voter gives a name which does not sound the same as that on the list of the D. R. O. insist on his being sworn; but where he is friendly see They should be on hand when the poll opens. that the vote is allowed when you know the vote to be a good one, and on no account allow the vote of a friendly voter to be thrown out on account of the misspelling of the name, the wrong Christian name, or wrong designation, so long as he can swear that he is the person intended to be designated on the list he can vote.
- 16. In counting the ballots object to the counting of these which are against the candidate upon which there is the slightest writing or mark, wherby the voter could be identified.
- 17. When the ballots at counted insist upon the D. R. O. giving your certificate of the number of votes given for each candidate, and of the rejected ballots. Keep a copy of all rejected ballots.
- 18. Where the outside Scrutineer thinks a friendly voter may not know how to mark his ballot he should fully explain it to him, and see that he understands it before he enters the booth. Where the inside Scrutineer deems a friendly voter to be illiterate, blind, or unable to mark his ballot he should see that the D. R. O, marks it in the presence of himself and the other Scrutincer. (37 Vic., Chap. 9, Sec. 48.)
- 19. On no account allow the Grit Scrutineer to question a voter as to any supposed disability, or to have any conversation with the voter whatever. All

- 1. Scrutiners should read most carefully the various forms of oaths to the voter as to do is to declare his name, surname, and addition, and if the thit Scrutineer is not content he can only have him sworn. (Section 43.) (Secowner's, tenant's, and occupant's oath and income oath).
 - 20. Early in the morning establish the principle that neither the D. R. O. nor the Grit Scrutineer is to bully you or the Conservative voters, and stick to it until the last ballet is counted.
 - 21. If you believe that a voter has any doubts as to the validity of his vote see that the matter is thoroughly explained to him before he enters the booth.
 - 22. Be ever vigilant on election day and before, for Grit corruption. The leaders of the party have reason to believe that this will be resorted to throughout the Province.
 - 23. Do not treat. Give no money. Hire no vehicles. Exercise no undue
 - 24. SEC TRAT THE DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER PUTS HIS INITIALS ON THE BACK OF EVERY BALLOT PAPER HANDED TO A CONSERVATIVE VOTER. . .
 - 25. Do not allow these instructions to go out of your possession.
 - 26. Poll all doubtful votes first.
 - 27. Let the Scrutineer at each poll ascertain at least three days before polling day that a sufficient number of vehicles have been provided for the conveyance of voters to his poll.
 - 28. Scrutineers should go over the canvass books and Voter's List with the canvassers in their division some days beforehand so as to be thoroughly conversant with every individual voter.
 - 29. If a person named in the Voters' List has before election day ceased to be the owner, tenant or occupant he may still vote, provided he still continues a resident of the electoral division. (See oath, and Revised Statutes Ontario page 83)
 - 30. Persons who are entitled to property in right of their wives or to an equitable interest in land are entitled to vote.
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 - 34. In cases of farmers' sons if the father is dead and the mother the owner of the property the sou, or sons, have the right to vote.
 - 35. In the event of a voter being wrongly described on the Voters' List (i. e., if a farmer's son is described on the List as owner, tenant or occupant, or vice versa,) he can select the form of oath which he prefers to take, and which meets his particular case.
 - 36. Arrangements should be made to poll all doubtful voters early in the day.
 - 37. Especially in townships were there is a Grit Assessor the greatest necessity exists of most carefully scrutinizing all Grit votes which appear to be assessed on the same property. If two or three are down for the same property there is almost sure to be fraud, and unless it is known that they have a joint interest they should be sworn.
 - 38. The best posted and most vigorous scrutineers should be sent into the enemy's strongholds, as it is in these they are most liable to poll the votes of dead men, absentces, &c., and to practise acts of intimidation upon our voters.

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