

poll may not be opened on a Sunday, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Christmas, the 1st July or the Birth-day of the Sovereign. It is open during one day only from 9 o'clock, A.M. to 5 P.M. The Returning Officer appoints a Deputy for each poll to take the votes. He takes an oath of office. If he refuse to act he forfeits \$100. The Township Clerk is appointed for the subdivision in which the Town Hall is, or he being disabled, the Assessor or Collector. A township attached to a town is dealt with as a ward, except as to qualification of electors. The Returning Officer is to see that his deputies are provided with electoral list and poll books, procuring the former from the Municipal Clerk or Clerk of the Peace. Each Deputy appoints a poll clerk who takes an oath of office. Refusing to serve he forfeits \$40. He assists the Deputy, and in case of death, illness, &c., acts in his place, unless the Returning Officer appoints another. So acting he may appoint another poll clerk. If poll clerk is unable to do his duty, the Deputy may appoint another. Votes are recorded as heretofore, the oath being varied to suit the lack of electoral lists and different franchise in Algoma. The Deputy must swear voters whom he has reason to suspect, whether asked to do so or not under a penalty of \$200. The vote of a person refusing to swear cannot be entered under a penalty of \$200. The poll books are closed as heretofore. Any one personating an elector and voting in his name, or voting without qualification or procuring a qualification by fraudulent conveyance of property, is liable to a penalty of \$200, and the votes are null, but such conveyances are valid and binding. The poll book is to be returned to the Officer by the Deputy or posted to his address within 3 days after the close of the polls. A Deputy neglecting to deliver or transmit, and a Postmaster neglecting to transmit a poll book, &c., incurs a penalty of \$400. In case a poll book is lost or stolen, the Deputy and poll clerk must forthwith attend upon the Returning Officer and be examined touching the same, and the numbers sworn to by them shall be entered in his return. If they omit to attend or refuse to be sworn, they forfeit \$400, and in the latter case may be committed to gaol until discharged by order of the L. A. The Officer makes a like examination in case of an alteration of a poll book. Copies of poll books are made by Returning Officer and deposited with Registrar; any one may inspect them on payment of a fee of 20 cents and may take copies. The original poll books and voters' lists are transmitted to the C. C. in C. The R. Officer and Deputies are conservators of the Peace with power of J. P., and may require the assistance of J. P. and other Peace Officers to keep the Peace. They may arrest or cause to be arrested by verbal order any person disturbing the Peace, and by written order may assign them to custody till the close of the poll. Any person disobeying their order forfeits \$20. Such arrest, &c., does not exempt from other legal penalties. On requisition of a candidate or his agent or any 2 electors, any R. Officer or Deputy may swear in special constables. They may demand the surrender of offensive weapons of any kind, which must be given up under a penalty of \$20. Any person guilty of battery within 2 miles of a husting or polling place forfeits \$50. No refreshment or entertainment may be furnished by a candidate or any one on his behalf at any meeting for promoting his election, or engage to pay for such entertainment, except at such person's usual residence. No persons are to go armed within two miles of the polling places and no strangers to come into the town or township armed, except the election officers, constables, &c. Party ensigns, flags, badges, &c., are not to be furnished, carried or worn during the election, nor for 8 days before, under a penalty of \$400 in any of the foregoing cases. All places for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors are to be closed on polling days, and no such liquors shall be then given or sold. Every person paying or agreeing to pay money or other valuable consideration, or procuring or promising to procure office or emolument for any one in order to induce a person to vote or to refrain from voting, or to procure the services of any one to promote the election of any candidate; or any persons for such inducement engaging or promising to endeavour to procure such election, and any person advancing money for bribery, shall incur a penalty of \$200. Actual personal expenses of a candidate, his expenses for professional services and *bona fide* payments for printing and advertising are not included. Any person agreeing for money, &c., to vote or refrain from voting, or receiving such money or valuable consideration for voting or refraining forfeits \$200. The election and return of any person guilty of bribery is null nor can he be elected or returned till the next general election. Votes corruptly given are null and the voter disqualified at the next general election. Hiring of vehicles and carrying voters with them, or payment of railway fares of electors is illegal and subject to a penalty of \$100, and the elector hiring them cannot vote. Violence or restraint or threat of either, or of damage or loss or abduction, duress, &c., to interfere with the free exercise of the franchise by an elector incurs a penalty of \$200. Persons may not be excused from answering before a Judge, Commissioner or Committee respecting illegal acts pending on election because he may thereby criminate himself, but he may claim a certificate which will hold him harmless from other proceedings before the Courts, except for perjury, which the Judge, Comr. or Chairman may grant if he make full and true answers. Contracts arising out of or depending on an election are void, but money paid cannot be recovered back. Persons stealing unlawfully, taking or falsifying any poll book or other election document, or obliterating or injuring it forfeits \$2,000, and abettors are punishable as principals. Penalties are recoverable in any competent Court, and parties may be imprisoned till they pay. Actions must be commenced within one year.

COUNTY COURTS.

Cap. 22—Ss. 2 & 3, c. 15 C. S. U. C. are repealed. County Court Judges hold their appointments during pleasure, and may be removed by the L. G. for inability, incapacity or misbehaviour. No junior judge is to be appointed in any county or union of counties. S. 6 is repealed. Junior judges have the same authority as the senior in the Division Courts, and in case of the death or absence of the latter, perform their duty in the County or Surrogate Courts. At any sittings of said courts, or of the Sessions of the Peace, either may preside at the discretion of the senior, or both at the same time in different courts.

DIVISION COURTS.

Cap. 23.—Judgments of these courts have the same effect as those of courts of Record. In actions brought in them, if the particulars be specified and notice given, the clerk within