

supplied to every officer of that branch entitled to vote, in the form or to the effect following:—

Election for Member of Post and Telegraph Appeal Board.

Postal Branch [or Telegraph Branch, as the case may be].

BROWN, JAMES.
HUNTER, CHARLES.
JONES, JOHN.
MORGAN, EDWARD.
ROBINSON, GEORGE.
SMITH, WILLIAM.

NOTES.—The voter may vote for only one candidate. The voter is to strike out, by drawing a line through the name with pen and ink or with pencil, the name of every candidate for whom he or she does not intend to vote.

The voter must take care not to leave uncanceled the names of more than one candidate, otherwise the vote will be invalid. The ballot-paper is to be folded up so that the contents cannot be seen, and is to be transmitted to the Returning Officer.

(10.) The ballot-paper shall contain a list of all the persons nominated (and of no other person), each person's name being inserted once only, and the list being arranged alphabetically in the order of the candidates' surnames. Each paper shall have a number corresponding with that on the list of voters. Such number shall be written by the Returning Officer on the left-hand bottom corner of the paper, and shall be covered by the corner being folded and gummed down before the paper is sent to the voter.

(11.) All ballot-papers shall be submitted by post to the Returning Officer at Wellington, in envelopes which will be provided for the purpose, and must reach him not later than 5 o'clock p.m. on the second day after the day of the election.

(12.) No officer shall in any case be compelled to record his vote, but the ballot-paper must be sent to the Returning Officer in any case in which a vote is not exercised.

(13.) Immediately after the last day fixed for the receipt at Wellington of ballot-papers the Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the scrutineers, proceed to ascertain the total number of votes recorded for each candidate, and the Returning Officer shall cause the result to be published in the Department's Official Circular, and shall declare as duly elected the candidate who obtains the highest number of votes in each case. The voting-papers shall, after being counted, be enclosed in a sealed packet and be retained by the Returning Officer. They shall not be opened unless a scrutiny be demanded, when such scrutiny shall be conducted by the Returning Officer and the two scrutineers. The papers will remain in the Returning Officer's custody for two months, and shall then be destroyed. If a scrutiny is demanded, application therefor must be made in writing to the Returning Officer within fourteen days after publication of the result aforesaid.

(14.) Whenever there is an equality of votes at an election and the addition of one vote will entitle any of the candidates to be elected, the Returning Officer shall himself record such additional vote.

(15.) If either of the elective members of the Board dies or, by notice in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Department, resigns his office, or ceases to be an officer of the Department, then and in any such case his seat shall become vacant, and a successor shall be elected, who shall hold office for the residue of the period during which his predecessor would have held the same if he had remained a member of the Board.

(16.) When a vacancy has occurred as aforesaid the Secretary of the Department shall forthwith direct the Returning Officer to hold an extraordinary election to elect a successor.

(17.) The Returning Officer shall, within seven days after receiving such direction, appoint a day for holding the election, and publish notice thereof in the Department's Official Circular. Such day of election shall not be earlier than twenty days nor later than thirty days after such notice has appeared.

(18.) The electoral list to be used at an extraordinary election shall be the same list as is used at an ordinary election, but the latter shall be revised and corrected so as to include only those officers in the Department one month before the day on which the extraordinary election is to be held. Candidates must be nominated in the same manner as is required for an ordinary election, and nominations must be received by the Returning Officer not later than ten days before the day of election.