

number of the voter on the roll and be in the form or to the effect following :—

Consecutive Number : .

VOTING-PAPER FOR USE AT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE  
DAY OF , 19 , OF MEMBER OF THE WAIRARAPA  
SECONDARY EDUCATION BOARD SCHOOL.

CANDIDATES.

[Set out in alphabetical order of surnames the full name of every duly nominated candidate.]

DIRECTIONS.

The number of candidates to be elected is [Specify the number].  
The voter must draw a line through the name of every candidate for whom he does not intend to vote.

The number of candidates whose names are left uncanceled must not exceed the total number of candidates to be elected.

This voting-paper must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, bearing on the outside thereof the words "Voting-paper," and if posted to the Returning Officer must be posted on or before the day of election, or, if delivered to him, shall be delivered at his office, Street,

before the day of election, or not later than 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

- (10.) The poll shall close at five o'clock on the afternoon of the day of election ; but all voting-papers shall be included and counted which are not informal and are received by the Returning Officer in due course of post before the close of the sixth day after the day of the election.
- (11.) A voting-paper shall be informal in any of the following cases, that is to say:—
- (a.) If the elector votes more than once at the same election ;
- (b.) If the candidates whose names are left uncanceled exceed in number the total number of candidates for whom the person is entitled to vote, or if in any other way the paper fails to indicate clearly for whom the vote is intended to be given ; or
- (c.) If, being delivered to the Returning Officer, the sealed envelope containing the voting-paper is not delivered at his office before the close of the poll ; or
- (d.) If, having been forwarded by post, the sealed envelope containing the voting-paper is not received at the office of the Returning Officer before the close of the sixth day after the day of election, or if, from the post-mark on the envelope or otherwise, the Returning Officer is satisfied that it was not posted until after the day of the election.
- (12.) On the seventh day after the day of election the Returning Officer shall open and examine all voting-papers duly delivered to him or received by him through the post as aforesaid, and, after rejecting all informal voting-papers, shall ascertain the candidates (not exceeding the total number to be elected) who have received the greatest number of votes, and shall declare such candidates to be elected.
- (13.) If, by reason of an equality of votes given for two or more candidates, the election is not complete, the Returning Officer shall decide by lot, in the presence of two members of the Board, which candidate or candidates shall be elected, and thereby complete the election.
- (14.) (a.) Each candidate may, by writing under his hand, appoint one scrutineer, who may be present at the examination of the voting-paper, and the counting of the votes by the Returning Officer.
- (b.) The Returning Officer shall, immediately after counting the votes, seal up all voting-papers, and transmit the whole to the Clerk of the nearest Magistrate's Court, who shall keep the same for six months thereafter, and shall not open or permit to be opened such packet except on the order of some Court of competent jurisdiction, and shall at the end of six months effectually destroy the same.
- (c.) Forthwith after the completion of the election the Returning Officer shall, by notice exhibited on the outside of the office of the Board and by advertisement in a newspaper published in the district, notify the names of the persons elected, the number of valid votes recorded for each candidate, and the total number of votes rejected as informal, and shall notify to the Board and to the Minister the names of the persons elected.