

6. (1.) If the number of duly nominated candidates does not exceed five the Returning Officer shall forthwith declare the candidate or candidates so nominated to be duly elected.

(2.) If the number of duly nominated candidates is greater than five, the Returning Officer shall immediately after the closing of nominations prepare and post to each elector whose name is on the roll according to his address a printed voting-paper containing in alphabetical order of surnames a list of all the duly nominated candidates.

7. The voting-paper shall be in the form or to the effect of the following :—

Consecutive Number :

VOTING-PAPER TO BE USED AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 21ST JANUARY, 1927, OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Name, Academic Status, and Address of Candidate.	Order of Choice.

*Instructions.*

Mark with the figures 1, 2, 3, &c., the order of your preference for the candidates.  
*Do not sign this paper.*

The voting-paper must be enclosed in an envelope, bearing on the outside the word "Voting-paper" and addressed "The Returning Officer, University of New Zealand, Dominion Farmers Institute Buildings, Featherston Street, Wellington," and must be either delivered to the Returning Officer or posted to him. If delivered it must reach him before 5 o'clock on the afternoon of 21st January, 1927; if posted, it must be posted not later than that day and bear the postmark of that or an earlier day, and it must reach the Returning Officer not later than 5 o'clock on the afternoon of 26th January, 1927.

8. (1.) A voting-paper shall be informal in any of the following cases :—

- (a.) If the elector votes more than once.
- (b.) If in any way the paper fails to indicate clearly the order of preference of the candidates.
- (c.) If, being delivered, the voting-paper is not received by the Returning Officer before the close of the poll.
- (d.) If, being posted, it does not reach him by 5 o'clock p.m. on the 26th January, 1927, or if from the postmark on the envelope or otherwise the Returning Officer is satisfied that it was not posted until after the day of the election.

(2.) No ballot-paper shall be informal merely because the voter omits to mark more than one preference.

9. (1.) At 10 o'clock a.m. of the sixth day after the closing of the poll the voting-papers, having been put in a ballot-box and there thoroughly mixed, shall be drawn out in succession, and before inspection shall be stamped with consecutive numerals.

(2.) The voting-papers shall then be sorted into bundles according to the first preference of the voters, and the voting-papers in each bundle shall be counted.

(3.) Every candidate who has a number of first preference votes not less than the quota, as defined in clause ten hereof, shall be declared elected, and so many of the voting-papers containing these votes as shall be equal to the quota (being those stamped with the smallest numerals) shall be set aside, in respect of each elected candidate, as of no further use for the purposes of the ballot.

(4.) On all other voting-papers the name of the elected candidate, or of every elected candidate if more than one has been declared elected, shall be cancelled so as more clearly to indicate the voters' order of preference. These papers will then be severally transferred to the candidates having the next preference, and any candidate then having a number of votes at least equal to the quota shall be declared elected.

(5.) The process hereinbefore described of setting aside in respect of each elected candidate a number of voting-papers equal to the quota, of cancelling on the remaining papers the names of the elected candidates, and of transferring those voting-papers to the several remaining candidates in order of the voters' preferences shall be repeated as often as may be required: Provided that, for the purposes of the second or any later