his acts, shall be final unless an objection is made by any candidate or his agent before the declaration of the poll, and in that event the decision of the returning officer may be reversed upon an election petition.

(2) If any decision of the returning officer is so reversed, the transfer in question and all operations subsequent thereto shall be void and the court shall direct what transfer is to be made in place of the transfer in question, and shall cause the subsequent operations to be carried out and the result of the election to be ascertained in accordance with these regulations.

14. In these regulations—

(1) The expression "continuing candidate" means any candidate not elected and not excluded from the poll.

(2) The expression "first preference" means the figure "1"; the expression "second preference" means the figure "2"; and the expression "third preference" means the figure "3," set opposite the name of any candidate, and so on.

(3) The expression "tranferable paper" means a ballot paper on which a second or subsequent preference is recorded for a continuing candidate.

(4) The expression "non-transferable paper" means a ballot paper on which no second or subsequent preference is recorded for a continuing candidate:

Provided that a paper shall be deemed to be a non-transferable paper in any case in which—

(*a*) The names of two or more candidates (whether continuing or not) are marked with the same figure, and are next in order of preference; or

(*b*) The name of the candidate next in order of preference (whether continuing or not) is marked—

(i) by a figure not following consecutively after some other figure on the voting paper; or

(ii) by two or more figures.

(5) The expression "original vote" in regard to any candidate means a vote derived from a ballot paper on which a first preference is recorded for that candidate.

(6) The expression "transferred vote" in regard to any candidate means a vote derived from a ballot paper on which a second or subsequent preference is recorded for that candidate.

(7) The expression "surplus" means the number of votes by which the total number of the votes, original and transferred, credited to any candidate exceeds the quota.

XIV. The returning officer shall publish a notice of the result of the poll, and of the names, with the places of abode and designations of the persons elected for each electoral division; and shall append thereto a notification of any transfer of votes made under the foregoing regulations, and of the total number of votes credited to each candidate after any such transfer. Such notification may be in accordance with the form given in Schedule B. annexed to this order. A copy of the notice of the result of the poll certified by the returning officer shall be conclusive evidence of the election.

XV. The returning officer shall in every case, whether the election is contested or not, transmit to the Secretary to the Scottish Education Department a certified copy of the notice which he publishes showing the result of the election and whether such election was, or was not, contested.

XVI. If the number of candidates nominated for an electoral division and not withdrawn as aforesaid shall be less than the number of members to be elected for that division; or if from any other cause an election does not take place in the manner and at the time required by the statutes and regulations in that behalf, the returning officer shall, *immediately after* the date fixed for the election, report to the Scottish Education Department that no election has taken place, and thereupon the Department shall make such order or take such action as shall seem proper under the provisions of the Seconp Schedule to the Education (Scotland) Act, 1918.

XVII. The returning officer shall transmit in a sealed cover to the clerk to the education authority all the packets of ballot papers in his possession together with the ballot paper accounts, tendered votes lists, lists of votes marked by the presiding officer, statements relating thereto, declarations of inability to read, packets of counterfoils and marked copies of registers sent by each presiding officer, with a description of the contents and the date of the election to which they relate being endorsed on each packet. The clerk to the education authority shall keep the documents so transmitted among the records of the authority, subject to the direction of the Scottish Education Department.

XVIII. Notice of the election of a person to be a member of an education authority shall be sent to that person by the returning officer, together with a notice to attend the first meeting of the authority, at a place and time to be prescribed by the returning officer, and that time shall not be later than *fourteen* clear days after the date of the election.

XIX. All expenses incident to the election of an education authority, other than the expenses of any candidate, shall be paid by the secondary education committee for the district which forms or comprises the education area of the authority: Provided that in the case of the education authorities of Glasgow and Dundee such expenses shall be paid by the secondary education committees for the district of the Glasgow and Dundee School Boards respectively. If any question shall arise as to such expenses, such question shall be referred to the Scottish Education Department, whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

XX. Notices and other matters required by these regulations to be published shall be published by the returning officer in such manner as in his opinion will give reasonable notice to all persons concerned.

XXI. Sundays shall be counted in reckoning the number of clear days specified in the various paragraphs of this order; but when the last day for receiving nominations or notices of withdrawal falls on a Sunday, then no nominations or notices of withdrawal shall be received after four o'clock afternoon on the previous Saturday.

J. STRUTHERS.
Secretary.

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