

of votes received by each candidate. If requested by any watcher or challenger present at any canvass, it shall be the duty of the judges, and each of them, to exhibit to such watcher or challenger any ballot cast, fully opened or in such condition and manner that he may fully read and examine the same, but the judge shall not allow any ballot to be taken from their hands. As the ballots are counted they shall be strung upon a strong twine.

270 I I I. When the canvass of the ballots shall have been completed, and the clerk shall have announced to the judges the total number of votes received by each candidate, each of the judges of election, in return, shall then proclaim in a loud voice the total number of votes received by each person voted for in such precinct and the office for which he is designated, and the number of votes for and the number of votes against any proposition which shall have been submitted to the vote of the people; such proclamation shall be *prima facie* evidence of the result of the canvass of such ballots.

Announcement of result.

ELECTION RETURNS.

270 J J J. The judges shall make duplicate statements or returns of the result of the canvass, each of which shall, if possible, be made upon a single sheet of paper, and shall contain a caption stating the day on which and the number of the election precinct of the city in relation to which said statements shall be made, and the time of opening and closing the polls of such precinct, and showing the whole number of votes given for each person, designating the office for which they were given, such statements shall be written or partly written, and partly printed in words at length, and in case a proposition of any kind has been submitted to a vote at such election, such statements shall also show in like manner the whole number of votes cast for or against such proposition, and at the end of such statement shall be written a certificate that the same is correct in all respects, which certificate and each sheet of paper forming part of the statement shall be subscribed by the judges and clerks. If any judge or clerk shall decline to sign such return, he shall state his reason therefor in writing and a copy thereof, signed by himself, shall be enclosed with each return. Each of the statements shall be enclosed in an envelope, which shall then be securely sealed with sealing wax or other adhesive material, and each of the judges and clerks shall write his name across the fold of the envelope, one of the envelopes shall be directed to the City Register of said city and one to the Board of Aldermen of said city. Each set of

Judges to make duplicate returns.

Certificate of judges and clerks.