

occur?—On the second day, after I had closed the Poll, an affray took place in the Poll-house; on the third day there was also, I heard, another affray while I was taking the votes.

20. Did you observe, in the vicinity of the Hustings, any person or persons armed with bludgeons or other weapons, and using threats against any of the Electors?—I saw several individuals with pretty large sticks, but I did not hear any one threaten to strike, or any thing of that kind.

21. At what o'clock did you adjourn the Poll on the second day?—At five o'clock, P. M., till the next day at nine. It was a general rule to close the Poll at five.

22. Did you observe a number of sleighs come to the Poll on the morning of the third day, with persons in them armed with weapons and carrying flags?—I did not.

23. Is there a tavern in the vicinity known as "Goodenough's"?—There is.

24. Did you observe any collection of Mr. De Salaberry's supporters there?—There was a collection of Mr. De Salaberry's supporters there.

25. Was it in that vicinity that the affray, in which you said a person was killed, occurred?—It was, as I heard, on the road, about twenty-five rods west of Goodenough's.

26. Do you recollect the name of the person killed?—His name was Julien Choquette. I had been acquainted with him several years.

27. Have you any knowledge of his being a supporter of Mr. Franchère?—I suppose that he was one.

28. Did you take any steps to prevent or suppress violence at the Election, and would you state them?—I got Special Constables appointed; and after that, at the request of Mr. Franchère, who was fearful of more disturbance, and having told me that Mr. Duchesnay, who was Stipendiary Magistrate, would give me the necessary assistance, I wrote to Mr. Duchesnay, and on the morning of the fourth day he arrived with thirteen or fourteen Policemen. I also wrote to Mr. Burton, at St. Johns, Commissioner of Police, and received an answer from him.

29. When was it that you first applied for the assistance of the Police?—I applied for the Police on the third day.

30. Was every thing peaceable after the arrival of the Police?—It was.

31. Did the polling go on without interruption afterwards?—It did; the taking of votes at the Poll was never interrupted for more than a few minutes at a time.

32. Who had the majority of votes on the third day?—I am not positive, but the Poll-book will prove it.

33. When did the Election close, and how stood the votes?—The Election closed on the fourth day; I think Mr. De Salaberry had then a majority of nine.

34. Were there no more voters to come forward, or what induced you to close at that time?—I wait-

ed an hour; no more voters appeared, and I then, after having made a proclamation to that effect, closed the Election.

35. Had Mr. Franchère, or his representatives, left the Hustings, and if so, at what time?—Mr. Franchère did not come on the fourth day. I am not positive whether he had a representative or not.

36. Did he notify you that he would not come or protest, and when?—I do not remember if he notified me in any other way than by sending me the protest, which was sent within the hour. I, however, received a letter from Mr. Franchère on the 10th. I here hand in the letter, and also one from Mr. De Salaberry. On the morning of the fourth day, Mr. Davignon told me that if I could not assure him that there would be no more disturbance, he would advise Mr. Franchère to retire. I told him that every thing that depended on me should be done.

[The following are the Documents handed in by Witness:]

Henryville, 10th March, 1841.

To H. Hitchcock,  
Returning Officer,

SIR,

As I have heard that great preparations are made to make trouble, by the partizans of Mr. De Salaberry, against the Canadians, and as that I now see a party of the partzans of the said Mr. De Salaberry just passed here with sticks, and insulting the Canadians, I am very much afraid for such or more trouble than we had last night.

And inasmuch as I have sent your letters to their different directions, I have reason to expect that we shall have some Police Magistrates here to-morrow at ten o'clock, A.M.

Consequently, I request you to adjourn the Poll at to-morrow, ten o'clock, A.M. I hope that, in the present circumstances, you will have the goodness to assent to my request; and, also, that you will have the goodness to send me your answer by the bearer. By so doing, you will oblige,

Your most humble servant,

THIM. FRANCHERE,  
Candidate.

P. BERTRAND.  
JOS. GARIÉPY.

My only intention is to save blood.

Henryville, 10th March, 1841.

Hiram Hitchcock, Esq.,  
Returning Officer,  
Henryville.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that I have read the letter which you have enclosed me from Mr. Franchère, and I am sorry I cannot comply with his request. My friends are here ready to give their votes, and I could not prevail on them to return to-