

that this day there has been a considerable affray, tumult, and fighting, at the Election for the return of a Member for the County of Montreal, to the United Legislature, now holding at St. Laurent in the said County. The tumult was so great, and the fighting was so violent, that Edward M. Leprohon, Esquire, the Returning Officer, shut and adjourned the Poll. The deponent further saith, that the facts above stated are to his personal knowledge, having been present the whole time; to the best of deponent's knowledge, there may have been engaged in the said fight about three or four hundred men. On his return from St. Laurent this afternoon, being in company with one Mr. Hackett, in Notre Dame street, in the City of Montreal, the said deponent heard Henry Driscoll, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Queen Counsel, addressing himself to the said Mr. Hackett, in the following words:—An Irishman has been killed at the Election, (meaning the Election now holding at St. Laurent) to-morrow I shall go and head them, and we must not only be armed with sticks, but with pistols;—and then the conversation ended. The words above stated as having been used by Henry Driscoll, Esquire, were either those above mentioned expressly, or others to the same purpose: and further this deponent saith not, and hath signed.

HY. STARNES.

Sworn to and acknowledged  
at Montreal, this 22d of March, 1841,  
before me,

JULES QUESNEL, J. P.

*Protest of Mr. Leslie, one of the Candidates.*

(Translation.)

In the forenoon of the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, at the instance of James Leslie, Esquire, of the City of Montreal, Merchant, we, the undersigned, Notaries Public for the Province of Canada, proceeded expressly to the domicile of Edward Martial Leprohon, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the present Election for the County of Montreal, which said Election commenced yesterday, and at which the said James Leslie, and Alexandre Maurice Delisle, Esquires, are the Candidates.

We have, on behalf of the said James Leslie, intimated and notified to the said E. M. Leprohon, in his quality aforesaid; that in consequence of the acts of violence committed yesterday at the Poll for the said Election, and the aggression and attack made upon the Electors of the said James Leslie, by hired bullies, with the intention of disturbing the public peace, and of preventing the Electors of the said James Leslie from exercising freely their elective franchise, at a time when they were quietly and peaceably voting for the Candidate of their choice; which said acts of violence were attended with the effusion of blood, and rose to such a pitch that the said Returning Officer thought it his duty to adjourn the Poll; and in consequence of the threats since made to divers of the partizans of the said James Leslie, and the information which he has received that fresh acts of violence and attacks would be committed against his partizans if they appeared at the Poll, and of the refusal (as the said James Leslie is informed) made by the authorities to the said Returning Officer to place at his disposal a sufficient body of troops to repress the said acts of violence, and to prevent the effusion of blood which must necessarily and inevitably follow.

For these reasons, we, the said Notaries, declare, on behalf of the said James Leslie, to the said E. M. Leprohon, in his said quality of Returning Officer,

that under the circumstances aforesaid, the said Poll cannot be continued; and, therefore, we hereby protest on behalf of the said James Leslie, against whatever may be done at the said Poll contrary to the interests of the said James Leslie, and against any return which may be made by the said Returning Officer of any other Candidate, and especially of the said Delisle as the Member for the County of Montreal; the said James Leslie hereby requiring the said E. M. Leprohon to return him as the Member duly elected for the said County of Montreal, because, at the adjournment of the Poll yesterday, the said James Leslie had the majority of the votes which had been then given.

In witness whereof, we have signed these presents with the said James Leslie, and have left an authentic copy thereof with the said E. M. Leprohon, to the end that he may not plead ignorance thereof, and to serve such purposes as to law may appertain; of all which we have granted act at Montreal, on the day, month, and year aforesaid.

Signed, "J. LESLIE," "G. PELTIER, Ne.," "C. A. BRAULT, N.P.," as appears by the minute of these presents remaining in the office of the undersigned Notary.

C. A. BRAULT, N.P.

17. You say in the paper you have given in, that you proclaimed Mr. Delisle duly elected. From all that you have stated, can you say that the Electors of the County enjoyed full freedom and security in giving their votes?—On the second day of the Election, the 23d March, 1841, the Electors of Mr. Delisle had perfect liberty. I did not see any of Mr. Leslie's voters, but they could not have approached the Poll without fighting their way against about eight hundred men armed with sticks, and who surrounded the Poll.

18. Have you any personal knowledge of any person having been killed at the Election?—I have no personal knowledge thereof, but I was told, the next day, that a man had died at Lachine in consequence of blows received at the Election. I have already stated that I saw a man knocked down senseless.

19. Have you any knowledge of the persons you spoke of as bullies, having been paid, and by whom?—I met four Irishmen, with sticks in their hands, on the 23d March, in the afternoon, in St. Paul Street, Montreal, who asked me where Mr. Ogden resided. I asked them why they wanted to see Mr. Ogden, and they told me that they wanted to be paid, and that they had been hired at three shillings per diem. They told me that they found it very hard to get paid for their services at the Elections; that they had been engaged for the Elections at New Glasgow and at St. Laurent, and that they had not yet been paid. They then left me.

20. Have you any knowledge of persons having been brought to the Election from a distant County, or to any place in the vicinity of the Election?—I saw a great many persons there whom I am convinced could not be Electors.

21. Do you know of what description of persons they were, or where and by whom they or any of them were employed?—Several of them told me they were employed in stone-breaking on the Sault-au-Recollet road.

22. Was there much destruction of property by violence at the Village where the Election was