

That the trial of such Petition came on before me one of the Election Judges at the Court House in the City of Kingston on Tuesday the seventeenth day of November, 1874, and was adjourned until the eighteenth day of November, 1874.

At the conclusion of the said trial I determined that the said Election was void, and I now certify such determination to you in pursuance of the Statute. I append hereto a copy of my notes of the evidence taken on the trial of the said Petition.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedt. servt.,
WM. B. RICHARDS,
C. J.

To the Honorable
The Speaker of the House of Commons,
Dominion of Canada, Ottawa.

TORONTO, December 3rd, 1874.

SIR,—In pursuance of the *Controverted Elections Act of 1873*, in addition to the Certificate herewith sent you that the Election for the Electoral District of the City of Kingston, held on the twenty-second and twenty-ninth days of January last, at which *Sir John Alexander Macdonald, K. C. B.* was returned as a Member for the said Electoral District of the City of Kingston, in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada was void, I beg to report:

- (a). That no corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of any Candidate at such Election.
- (b). That the Respondent by his Agents has been guilty of bribery at such Election, but they were not his authorized Agents for that purpose, and no corrupt practices have been proven to have been committed at such Election by or with the knowledge and consent of the Respondent.
- (c). That *Patrick Harty, Isaac Noble, Thomas Hanly, and Armstrong McCormick* were proved at the said trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices at the said Election, and
- (d). There is reason to believe that corrupt practices prevailed extensively at the Election to which the Petition relates.

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CHAMBLY CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

(Translation.)

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada:

The undersigned, one of the Judges of the Superior Court for Lower Canada, acting as Judge of the Election Court in the Montreal Division, in the Province of Quebec, under the provisions of the *Controverted Elections Act, 1873*, has the honor to report:—

That on the Seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, there was presented to the said Election Court in the said Montreal Division, by *Pierre Basile Benoit, Esquire*, farmer, of the Parish of St. Hubert, in the Electoral District of Chambly, in the Montreal Division, Province of Quebec, duly qualified as elector to vote at the Election of Members of the House of Commons of Canada, an Election Petition complaining of the Election of *Amable Jodoin, junior, Esquire*, returned as having been duly elected Member to represent the County or Electoral Division of Chambly in the said House of Commons, and, of the return of which Election, notice was published on the Seventh of March last in the *Canada Gazette*.

That the grounds adduced by the said *Pierre Basile Benoit*, in support of his said Petition were the employment of illegal and corrupt practices, as well by the said *Amable Jodoin, junior*, himself, as by his relations and friends; and he alleged that after rejecting the illegal votes of persons not qualified to vote, deprived of their right of voting, and of those whose votes should be rejected, the said *Amable Jodoin*, instead of having a majority of the votes of the electors of the said Electoral District, would be found to be in the minority.

The said *Pierre Basile Benoit* by his said Petition prayed that the Election of the said *Amable Jodoin* should be declared null and void, and that he himself should be declared to have been elected, and to be the representative of the said Electoral District of Chambly in the House of Commons of the Dominion, at the said Election for which he was a candidate.

The said Election Court appointed the Twenty-second day of September last for the examination of the contestation of the said Election, and the undersigned was charged with that examination.

The Petitioner caused several witnesses to be heard, and it appears from their evidence that the purchase of votes by the friends of the said *Amable Jodoin* had been practised to a considerable amount, and that there had been spent by them for that purpose about ten thousand dollars; nevertheless it does not appear that the said *Amable Jodoin* had any participation therein, and the said Petitioner has not persisted in his prayer to be declared legally elected.