

Ordered—That the sitting member be allowed till Monday next, at 10 o'clock, A.M., to answer the allegations of the Petition.

Ordered—That the consideration of making an order for the fying of the Lists of objected Votes be deferred till Monday next.

The Committee having had their attention called to the large number of votes represented as having been polled in the Parishes of St. Urbain, St. Etienne, St. Agnes, St. Fidèle, and Les Eboulements.

Ordered—That the Petitioner and the sitting Member be required, on Monday, to adduce evidence, before the Committee, as to the population of the said several Parishes.

Ordered—That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery be summoned to attend on Monday, and produce the Writ of Election, the Return, and the Poll Books for the last Election for the County of Saguenay.

The Committee then adjourned till Monday, at 10 o'clock. A.M.

Monday, 13th November, 1854.

THE Committee met at 10 o'clock, A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANGUS MORRISON, Esquire, *Chairman* ;

Mr. Galt,
Mr. Hartman,
Mr. Felton,
Mr. Laporte.

THE Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

John Gleason, Esquire, fyled a power of Attorney from the sitting member to act as Counsel in his behalf.

Mr. Plamondon, for the sitting Member, fyled a Factum, answering to the allegations contained in the Petition; also, the Deed of Sale, upon which the sitting Member was qualified to be a candidate at the last Election, and a Certificate from the Returning Officer stating that he had received from *Mr. Huot* the sitting member, his qualification to be a candidate at the late Election.

Mr. Plamondon also fyled a statement shewing the number of Proprietors in each Parish in the County of Saguenay, according to the census of 1851-2 and the number of votes polled at the previous Election, in each of the said Parishes.

It was admitted, in behalf of the Petitioner, and the sitting member, that the printed census fyled by *Mr. Plamondon* was a correct census of the population of the County of Saguenay in 1851-2, and that there has been no material increase, upon the numbers therein stated, since that time.

Felix Fortier, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, called, and, being duly sworn, deposed as follows:—

IN accordance with the order of the Committee I produce the Writ of Election for the County of Saguenay and the Return thereto and the several Poll-books, ten in number, which were received by me from the Returning Officer, to the best of my recollection, on the twenty-ninth of August last.

In what state was the supposed Poll-book for the Parish of St. Fidèle, when it was returned to you?—In the state that it is now, the affidavits not being at-