

average increase of from twenty-five to thirty per cent throughout the Townships, to what is mentioned in the Census, and this I attribute to the mistakes then made to enregistration, and to natural encrease.

Q. Have you any further information to give on the subject of your former evidence?

A. I believe I did not state where the Polls ought to be held.

Q. Where ought they to be held?

A. I think in Drummondville, Richmond, Sherbrooke, Middle Village in Eaton, Charleton in Hatley, Stangread Plain, Frost Village in Shefford, Granby Village in Granby, Dunham and Freighlicsburg;—for Mégantic, at Ireland or Leeds. I wish to add—there is a provision in New-Brunswick by which the Returning Officers, at the request of any Electors or Candidates, may remove the Poll to any other settlement within the County, the Candidate paying for the expenses of polling as fixed by Law. I think such a provision would be advantageous from the scattered state of the Townships and Settlements. I deliver in a map of the Townships, shewing the division that I conceive would be the most convenient for the Inhabitants, and the places I propose for the Polls.

Mr. Samuel Brooks, of Ascot, Trader, called in and examined :

Q. 1. Have you resided long in the Townships?

A. About eight years.

Q. 2. Have you visited personally different parts of them?

A. I have.

Q. 3. Which parts.

A. The whole of the settled Townships in the south west portion of the Province.

Q. You have then had occasion to become acquainted with the wishes and wants of the Inhabitants in relation to their public affairs.

A. I have generally.

Q. 5. Have you heard them express their wishes in regard to greater facilities for electing Representatives to the Provincial Assembly?

A. I have, frequently.

Q. 6. What opinion have they expressed on the Representation Bill heretofore passed in the Assembly, and lost in the Legislative Council?

A. There was a bill passed in one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, I think, which from the knowledge of the people I should conceive would have been perfectly satisfactory.

Q. 7. Are you acquainted with the provisions of the Representation Bill now before the House of Assembly?

A. I have seen it cursorily. I believe that it gives about seven Members to the Townships.

Q. 8. Do you think it more favourable than the former Bill?

A. I should think it is.

Q. 9. Do you conceive that the Inhabitants of the Townships would