

one; and so was Mr. De Boucherville. I do not remember any others.

33. Had you a meeting with any of the magistrates of the County in consequence of these statements made to you, and if so, who were they?—I spoke to Mr. M'Crae, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Louis Marchand, and asked them to lend their assistance to preserve order. Mr. M'Crae told me that his duties prevented him from interfering in the matter; but Messrs. Holmes and Marchand did all in their power to prevent disturbance, and even went into the hotels to put down the flags, &c.

34. Did any of these magistrates shew themselves partisans of either of the Candidates?—I did not observe any thing to induce me to think so.

35. Did any of the Electors or Mr. Viger, on the second day, intimate to you that they wished to have the assistance of troops?—They asked me to call in the troops, but I cannot exactly state the time.

36. Did you receive a protest from Mr. Viger?—I did.

37. Did you annex the protest to your return?—I did not. I wrote to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery on the subject; and I here produce the answer which I received:—

*(Copy of the Answer produced.)*

Montreal, 28th April, 1841.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 21st, I have the honor to inform you, that as the law has not provided for the case you mention, I think it my duty to tell you that you may act as you may think best with regard to the protest in question; and that I am not in the habit of mentioning in my returns the protests which are therewith transmitted to me.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

THOMAS AMIOT.

Auguste Delisle, Esquire.

38. Were you informed at any time during the Election that the roads leading to the polling place were obstructed?—I remember that Mr. Viger complained of this to me, and I told him if such were the case, the magistrates would see to it, and do what was in their power to preserve order.

39. Was the house in which the poll was held two stories in height?—It was.

40. Did you see sticks thrown out of the upper story for the people down below?—I did not see them myself; but I heard after the Election that they had been thrown out and made use of.

41. You asked troops for the second day; did any attend, and if they did not attend, can you state the reason?—I have already stated that I received a verbal answer through Mr. Marchand, purporting that the troops were ready to come out, if required. I did not ask the magistrate to bring them out on the second day, as I trusted to him to call them out if necessary.

*Hiram Washington Hitchcock, Esquire, called in; and examined:—*

1. Will you state your name, residence, and additions?—Hiram Washington Hitchcock; I reside at Rouville Mountain, and am a manufacturer.

2. Were you Returning Officer at the last General Election for the County of Rouville?—I was, in 1841.

3. Where was the Election notified to be held?—At Henryville, in the County of Rouville.

4. Was the Election held at the time and place notified?—It was on the 8th March, 1841.

5. Who were the Candidates?—Melchior Alphonse De Salaberry, and Thimothée Franchère, Esquires.

6. Were the Writs read, and did the Candidates address the Electors from the Hustings?—The Writs were read, and the Candidates addressed the Electors.

7. Was there a shew of hands?—I did not call for a shew of hands.

8. Was there a Poll demanded, and by whom?—There was a Poll demanded, I believe, by some of Mr. De Salaberry's supporters.

9. When did you commence polling?—I commenced at one P.M., on the same day.

10. By what authority was the Election held at Henryville?—By the Writ of Election.

11. Do you know where the Elections for the County of Rouville were usually held?—I do not; I think there had been one Election held at Ste. Marie Monnoir.

12. Is Henryville in the centre of the population of the County, or nearly so?—I should think not; it is in the extreme south part of the County.

13. Do you think it affords equal, or nearly equal facilities for the Electors generally to attend the Hustings and give their votes?—I do not think that it is convenient for some part of them.

14. To what part do you consider it the most inconvenient?—To the northern part.

15. Are the inhabitants of the northern and southern parts of the County of a different description of people?—I believe they are.

16. Will you describe in what consists the principal difference?—The people in the northern part are Canadians; those in the southern part are English, Scotch, Irish and Americans.

17. Have you any knowledge of acts of violence having occurred at the election near the Hustings, or in the vicinity?—There was, I believe, a man killed about fifty rods from the Poll on the third day, and a great many other acts of violence committed.

18. Who had the majority of votes on the first day and on the second day?—I think that, on the second day, Mr. Franchère had the majority, but I would not be positive; the Poll-book will shew more fully.

19. At what time did the first acts of violence