

I further certify that at the said trial it was proved before me that corrupt practices have been committed by the following persons, namely:—

(1) *Walbridge Cunningham*; (2) *John Knox* (of Lot 30 in 2nd Concession of the Township of *Hamilton*); (3) *Eber Byam* (of the Township of *Hamilton*); (4) *Alexander Fraser*.

I further certify that at the said trial, upon the opening of the Court, it was stated and admitted by the Counsel for the said *William Kerr*, in the presence of the said *William Kerr*, that corrupt practice was committed at the said Election by an Agent of the said *William Kerr*, for whose acts in the premises he, the said *William Kerr*, was and is responsible, whereby his election was and is void.

I further certify that it did not appear before me that corrupt practices have, or that there is reason to believe that they have extensively prevailed at the said Election.

And I have determined and adjudged that the general costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the presentation of the said Petition and proceedings consequent thereon, shall be paid by the said *William Kerr*, he being the party opposing the said Petition; but that the said *William Kerr* is not to pay the increased costs occasioned by evidence and proceedings on the part of the Petitioners in order to prove that corrupt practices were committed at the said Election by or with the knowledge and consent of the said *William Kerr*, and I do not adjudge that any costs be paid by the said Petitioners to the said *William Kerr*.

J. G. SPRAGGE,
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Dated the sixth day of October, A. D. 1874.

MONTREAL WEST CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Election of a Member for the House of Commons for the Electoral District of Montreal West.

In the matter of the Petition of

ALEXANDER A. STEVENSON, *et al.*

AND

FREDERICK MACKENZIE,
Respondent.

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

SIR,—1. I have the honor to inform you that I was appointed to try the Election Petition fyled against the return of *Frederick Mackenzie*, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral Division of *Montreal West* for the House of Commons.

2. The trial was held on the 20th, 21st and 22nd days of October last.

3. I do hereby certify that the Election of the said *Frederick Mackenzie*, as such Member, held on the 29th January last, was void, and I also append hereto a copy of the notes of the evidence given at said trial, and a copy of my judgment as recorded in this matter.

4. I have the honor further to report that corrupt practice has not been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of any candidate at said Election.

5. I further report that the following persons have been proved at the trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices at said Election:—*Moses Malone*, *William Russell* and *Patrick Findlay*.