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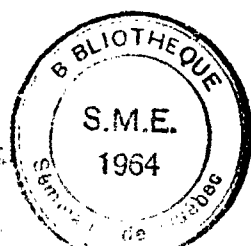
THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to investigate and report on the Outrages alleged to have been committed at the General Election in the Counties of Terrebonne, Montreal, Vaudreuil, Beauharnois, Chambly and Rouville, with power to report from time to time, have the honor to REPORT in part:—

That, in the event of an early prorogation of this Session, they have resolved to report the Evidence taken before this time.

J. NEILSON, Chairman.

30th November, 1843.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE



THE HONORABLE JOHN NEILSON, ESQUIRE, IN THE CHAIR.

MONDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1843.

John Mackenzie, Esquire, of Terrebonne, called in and examined:

1. Will you state your name, residence, and additions?—My name is John Mackenzie, of Terrebonne. I am a Merchant, and a Justice of the Peace.
2. Were you Returning Officer at the last General Election for the County of Terrebonne?—I was.
3. Where was the Election notified to be held?—At New Glasgow in the rear of the Seigniorie of Terrebonne, opposite Mr. John Lloyd's store.
4. Was the Election opened at the time, and place notified?—It was.
5. Who were the Candidates?—Michael McCulloch and Louis Hypolite Lafontaine, Esquires.
6. Were the Writs read, and did the Candidates or any other person address the electors from the Hustings?—The Writs were read, and the two Candidates only addressed the electors from the Hustings.
7. Was there a show of hands?—There was.
8. In favor of whom was the shew of hands?—In favor of Mr. Lafontaine.
9. Was a Poll demanded, and by whom?—The Poll was demanded by Dr. McCulloch.
10. Did you commence the polling, and when?—The polling was not commenced, Mr. Lafontaine having retired protesting against the Election.

The following is a copy of the Protest:

(Translation.)

On the twenty-fourth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, at the instance and request of Joseph Ovide Turgeon, Esquire, Joseph Octave Alfred Turgeon, Esquire,

George Menasippe Prevost, Gentleman and Notary Jean Baptiste Roy, Esquire, and Messrs. Antoine Dumas the Elder, Edouard Bouc, François Dugal, P. Domptail Prevost, Joseph Rochon, Pierre Fortin, Charles Roy, Antoine Fortin, and Alexandre Roussel, Electors of the County of Terrebonne, in the District of Montreal, in the Province of Canada, and of Louis Hypolite Lafontaine, Esquire, advocate, of the city of Montreal, in the said District, one of the Candidates at the Election which ought to have taken place on the day before yesterday, of a person to represent the said electors in the Assembly of the United Legislature, we the undersigned Notaries Public, for the Province of Lower Canada, residing at the village of Terrebonne in the said County, proceeded to the house in the said Parish of Terrebonne, occupied as a store by John Mackenzie, Esquire, the Returning Officer appointed to preside at the said Election; and being at the house aforesaid and speaking to himself, we notified him on behalf of the parties aforesaid their respective names and qualities, that they protest against any Proclamation which the said John Mackenzie may have made on the day before yesterday in his said quality of Returning Officer, of the pretended Election of any person, and among others, of Dr. McCulloch, to represent the Electors of the said County of Terrebonne in the Assembly of the Legislature of the said Province of Canada; re-iterating, moreover, on behalf of the parties aforesaid, and more especially on behalf of the said Louis Hypolite Lafontaine, Esquire, the protest by them and each of them made verbally on the day before yesterday at the Poll or Hustings of the said Election, at New Glasgow, before the said Proclamation was made,—and this for divers reasons which they intend to adduce in support of their contestation of the said pretended Election, and for the following among others:

Firstly,—Because the Poll was not opened at the place announced in the Notices issued by the said Returning Officer.

Secondly,—Because the said Returning Officer, after reading the Writ of Election in a certain

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