

Monday, 3rd March, 1879.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Lists of Stockholders of the Bank of *Montreal*, as on the 13th February, 1879; of the Bank of *Yarmouth, N.S.*, as on the 19th February, 1879; of *La Banque de St. Jean*, as on the 29th January, 1879; of *La Banque Jacques-Cartier*, as on the 31st December, 1878; of the Eastern Townships Bank, as on the 2nd January, 1879; of the Federal Bank of *Canada*, as on the 26th February, 1879; of the Imperial Bank of *Canada*, as on the 24th February, 1879; of the Merchants' Bank of *Halifax*, as on the 20th February, 1879; and of the Commercial Bank of *Windsor*, as on the 16th January, 1879, under the provisions of the Act 34 *Vic.*, Cap. 5, Sec. 12. (*Sessional Papers, No. 12.*)

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from Mr. Justice *Armour*, one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874," a Certificate and Report relating to the Election,—

For the Electoral District of the County of *Prescott*.

And the same was read and ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House, and is as followeth :—

PRESCOTT CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

*In the Queen's Bench.*

(The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874.)

Election of a Member for the House of Commons for the Electoral District of the County of Prescott, holden on the seventeenth day of September, A.D., 1878. I, the Honourable *John Douglas Armour*, one of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, and the Judge before whom the said Election Petition was tried on the eighth day of January and the 19th day of February, A.D. 1879, do hereby certify that upon the conclusion of the trial of the said Petition, I determined that the Respondent *Félix Bouthier* was duly elected, and that the said Petition should be dismissed with costs: And I do further certify that appended hereto is a copy of the notes of the evidence taken upon such trial. And I do hereby report that no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed at such Election. That corrupt practices did not, nor is there reason to believe that corrupt practices did extensively prevail at the Election to which the said Petition relates. And I am of opinion that the enquiry into the circumstances of the Election has not been rendered incomplete by the action of any of the parties to the Petition, and that further enquiry as to whether corrupt practices have extensively prevailed is not desirable.

Dated this 28th day of February, A. D. 1879.

J. D. ARMOUR,

J.

To the Honorable

The Speaker of the House of Commons.