

SOUTH NORFOLK CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

TORONTO, 27th December, 1882.

To JOHN GEORGE BOURINOT, Esq.,
Clerk of the House of Commons.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that a Petition presented to the Court of Appeal by *William Cookson Doyle*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Joseph Jackson* at the election for the South Riding of the County of *Norfolk*, holden on the twentieth day of June, A.D. 1882, on the grounds of bribery, treating, undue influence, and other corrupt practices, was tried before me on the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, eleventh, twelfth and fifteenth days of the present month of December, 1882.

I certify that I determined that the said *Joseph Jackson* was duly elected and returned.

I adjudged that the Petitioner pay the Respondent his costs of the petition and trial.

I have also to report that it has not been proved that any corrupt practice was committed by, or with the knowledge and consent of any candidate at the said election:

And that there is no reason to believe that corrupt practices prevailed extensively at the said election:

And that I am not of opinion that the inquiry into the circumstances of the said election has been rendered incomplete by the action of any of the parties to the Petition; and I am not of opinion that further enquiry as to whether corrupt practices have extensively prevailed is desirable.

The shorthand writer employed by me to take down the oral evidence given by the witnesses at the trial of the Petition, has not been able to complete a copy of his notes in time to append it hereto. A copy will be forwarded as soon as it can be completed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. S. PATTERSON,
J. A.

VERCHÈRES CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

(Translation.)

CANADA,
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. }

Superior Court of Lower Canada.

DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT, 1874.

No. 1.

In re

Election of a Member of the House of Commons of *Canada* for the Electoral District of *Verchères*, in the District of *Verchères*, in the Judicial District of *Montreal*, held the 13th day of June, 1882, day of the nomination; the 20th June last, day of the polling.