
 NIAGARA CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

TORONTO, Nov. 30th, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to report to you that the trial of the Controverted Election Petition for the Town of Niagara, with the Township of Niagara attached thereto, took place before me at Niagara on 20th October last and two following days.

That my judgment was:—That the Respondent *Josiah B. Plumb* was not duly elected and that said Election was void.

That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed with the knowledge or consent of the Respondent.

That corrupt practices did not extensively prevail at said Election.

That *William Longhurst, Daniel Lowry* and *Robert Best* were guilty of corrupt practices. And I ordered that the Respondent should pay the Petitioner's costs, except as to witnesses summoned in attendance respecting any charge of undue influence, threatening with loss of office, salary or income, or the opening or supporting of any house of entertainment for the accommodation or treating of Electors, such charges being unwarrantably made.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your obedt. servt.,

JOHN H. HAGARTY,

Chief Justice, Court of Common Pleas, of Ontario.

I enclose herewith a copy of my notes of the evidence.

This Report would have been made earlier, but that appeal against my decision was lodged, and has only this day been allowed to be withdrawn.

The Honorable

The Speaker of the House of Commons.

 L'ASSOMPTION CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT, 1873.

Dominion of Canada, }
 Province of Quebec, }
 Montreal Division. }

Re COUNTY OF L'ASSOMPTION.

LUDGER FOREST,

AND

HILAIRE HURTEAU,

Petitioner,

Respondent.

I, *Francis Godschall Johnson*, Judge for the Superior Court for Lower Canada, and an Election Judge of the Montreal Division named to try this Petition do hereby certify to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons in conformity with the provisions of section 19 of the Controverted Elections Act, 1873, that on Tuesday the twenty-fourth day of November eighteen hundred and seventy-four, at the Court House at the Village of L'Assomption, at the conclusion of the trial of this Election Petition I did determine that *Hilaire Hurteau*, the Respondent, was not duly returned or elected, and that the return made to the Writ of Election is void; and that the said Respondent should pay the costs of the said contestation, and I further append hereto a copy of the notes of evidence given, and the admissions and declarations made by the parties respectively at the said trial.

And I further report that no corrupt practices were proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of either candidate.

And I further report that the names of the persons who have been proved at the trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices are: *Onulphe Peltier* and *Achille Archambault*. And I further report that I have no reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the Election to which the said Petition related.

F. G. JOHNSON,

J.

Dated at Montreal the second day of December, 1874.

To the Honorable

The Speaker of the House of Commons.

 KINGSTON CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

TORONTO, December 3rd, 1874.

SIR,—In pursuance of the Controverted Elections Act of 1873, I beg to certify to you in relation to the Election for the Electoral District of the City of Kingston held on the 22nd and 29th days of January, 1874,—

That a Petition was duly presented under the said Statute against the return of *Sir John Alexander Macdonald, K. C. B.*, as Member to represent the said Electoral District of the City of Kingston, in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.