

COLCHESTER CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

DOMINION OF CANADA,
Province of *Nova Scotia*, County of *Colchester*. }

In the matter of the Controverted Election between

FREDERICK M. PEARSON,
Petitioner,

AND

THOMAS MACKAY,
Respondent.

I, *Alexander James*, one of the Judges appointed under the provisions of the Controverted Elections Act of 1873, for the trial of Controverted Elections in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, to whom was assigned, under section 8 of said Act, the duty of trying the Controverted Election aforesaid, do hereby certify to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons for the Dominion of *Canada* that I have performed that duty, and that on the fourteenth day of November, instant, at the conclusion of a trial of thirteen days' duration, at which witnesses were examined on behalf of the Petitioner and Respondent, respectively, I did determine and publicly declare the Election of the said Respondent, *Thomas Mackay*, as a Member of the House of Commons for said County of *Colchester*, to be void for bribery by agents, and I do annex hereto a copy of my notes of the evidence given in such cause.

And whereas charges of corrupt practices were made in the Petition against the Respondent and his Agents, I do hereby, under section 20 of said Act, report to the Honorable the Speaker that no corrupt practice was proved at such trial to have been committed by, or with the knowledge and consent of any Candidate at such Election.

And further, that the names of the persons who have been proved at such trial guilty of corrupt practices are as follow, viz.:—*Martin Smith*, for bribery of *Watson Vance* with eight dollars; *William A. Fletcher*, for an offer to bribe *Samuel Mudden*; *Samuel Lindsay*, for bribery of *Samuel Brown* with five dollars; *Johnston McCallum*, for bribery of *Henry Snook* with eight dollars, and *Graham Murray*, for bribery of *Daniel Lynds* with eight dollars; and that said *Samuel Lindsay*, *Johnston McCallum*, and *Graham Murray* were proved to have been Agents of the Respondent.

And I do further report that there is no reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the Election to which the petition relates.

Dated at *Halifax*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, this 21st day of November, A.D., 1874.

ALEX. JAMES.

The Honorable the Speaker
of the House of Commons.

NORTH VICTORIA CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

SIR,—In pursuance of the Controverted Elections Act, 1873, I beg to certify to you in relation to the Election for the North Riding of the County of *Victoria*, held on the twenty-ninth day of January last, that a Petition was duly presented under the Statute, against the return of *James MacLennan*, Esq., a Member to represent the said North Riding of the County of *Victoria* in the House of Commons of *Canada*.