

fore a Commissioner duly authorized to administer such oath, and all those who came in after March, 1820, and produced the County Register certificate; I would have recorded these votes; and on the first day of Election I would not have taken the vote of any other class of Aliens. On the afternoon of the second day of the Election I would have recorded the votes of all Aliens who came within the provisions of the Proclamation relating to Aliens, and that day received by me.

51. How could Mr. Vansittart's instructions have been more calculated to extend the franchise than your own view of the law, as just explained?—I have not at this late period very distinct recollections of what those instructions were, but I remember that Mr. Hincks' agent was desirous that I should follow out the instructions, he considering them more liberal than my own views.

52. What more liberal view could be taken by any one regarding persons who came into the Province before 1820, than that just expressed by you as the one on which you acted?—I do not know.

53. Was the qualification of Mr. Hincks required before or after the demand for a show of hands?—I do not remember whether it was before or after.

By Mr. Notman.

54. Did Mr. Vansittart at any time during the nomination or election, announce to the Electors, that Mr. Hincks was ineligible, from a defective qualification, or any other cause?—Not in my presence or hearing.

55. Were any instructions given to you, or to any other Deputy Returning Officer by Mr. Vansittart, not to receive votes for Mr. Hincks?—There were no instructions given to me of that kind, and I know nothing of what was given to the other Deputy Returning Officers.

By Mr. Smith, of Durham.

56. What part did you take in the discussion upon the question of the insufficiency of the qualification of the Honorable Francis Hincks, at the day of the nomination; did you give your opinion or views upon the subject one way or the other; and if so, what opinion did you give thereon; and did you give any opinion as to the proper course for the Returning Officer to pursue, and what advice or opinion did you give with respect to receiving or rejecting such qualification?—The only conversation that I had on the day of the nomination respecting Mr. Hincks' qualification, was with some of the electors. I gave no opinion to the Returning Officer, nor any advice as to the course he should pursue respecting the qualification, neither at that time nor at any subsequent period.

57. Look at the Poll Book for the Township of Burford, now shewn to you; is the name "George W. Whitehead" entered last in the voters' column, intended for your name; explain why it was so entered; if for the purpose of voting, for whom did you tender or intend to give your vote at the last election for the County of Oxford, and why was your vote not recorded?—That is my name upon the Poll Book. It was placed there by my directions for the purpose of voting for Mr. Carroll. Mr. Hincks' agent raised an objection, that there was no person authorized to administer the oath of my qualification; and during the discussion the hour for closing the Poll arrived, and the vote was not recorded.

58. Did Mr. Brown take any part in the discussion with the Returning Officer about the qualification, at the time when, as you state in one of your answers, there was some confusion, and when conversation took place which you did not hear?—Mr. Brown took an active part in the discussion, and insisted upon the Returning Officer deciding at the

time upon the qualification oath of Mr. Hincks. I do not know what passed between them during the conversation, when several persons were conversing upon the subject at the same time. I did not pay attention to all that was said during that part of the conversation, when several persons were engaged in it.

By Mr. Smith, of Frontenac.

59. Have you had any interview or conversation with the Honorable Francis Hincks in relation to the evidence you have given, or were about to give before this House?—Since I came to this place, Mr. Hincks met me in the Picture Gallery of the House, and enquired if Mr. Vansittart had come down, and whom he had brought as witnesses. I replied, myself and Mr. Deedes; and Mr. Hincks remarked that he had no personal feeling against Mr. Vansittart, and hoped the question would be disposed of in the easiest possible manner, or words to that effect.

By Sir Allan N. MacNab.

60. Did the confusion you have alluded to, as existing during part of the proceedings on the day of nomination, prevent your hearing all that passed between Mr. Brown and the Returning Officer?—It did not prevent my hearing a great deal of what was said on the occasion. The confusion spoken of arose out of general conversation and the occasional cheering of the spectators.

And then Mr. Vansittart, and the Witness, were directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Frontenac, seconded by Sir Allan N. MacNab,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the case of John George Vansittart, Esquire, Returning Officer at the last General Election for the County of Oxford, be postponed until Monday next.

An engrossed Bill to amend and extend certain provisions of an "Act to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in certain cases in Lower Canada," was read the third time.

Partition of
Lands, &c.,
Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General Drummond do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

According to Order, James Hall, Esquire, Member for the County of Peterborough, who was absent, yesterday, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Stormont, attended in his place; and having given satisfactory reasons for his not being present at the meeting of the Committee on that day; and having verified the same upon oath;

Stormont
Election.

Ordered, That Mr. Hall be excused for not attending the Committee, yesterday.

According to Order, Robert Bell, Esquire, Member for the County of Lanark, who was absent, yesterday, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Stormont, attended in his place; and having given satisfactory reasons for his not being present at the meeting of the Committee on that day; and having verified the same upon oath;

Ordered, That Mr. Bell be excused for not attending the Committee, yesterday.

According to Order, the Honorable Mr. Boulton, Member for the County of Norfolk, who was absent, yesterday, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of Stor-