

Has it forgotten

The North Middlesex Case of 1891?

Hutchins (Con.) had an apparent majority of 2. In the middle of a pile of ballots, that had been counted for Taylor (Lib.) were found three together, marked for both candidates. *The extra marks had been made after the election.*

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The South Wentworth Case of 1891?

When the Conservative was elected by a majority of one. But 15 good ballots for Middleton (Lib.) were wrongly placed in the envelope with the spoiled ballots. The judge had no authority to open this envelope; the 15 ballots were not counted, and the Conservative was unfairly returned for the riding.

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The Chateauguay Case of 1891

When Brown (Lib.) had a majority of 275, but by frauds similar to those practised in Ontario, as before mentioned, it was pared down to only 9. He thus narrowly escaped being cheated out of his seat, and the electors foiled in their expressed wish of a representative.

Other Serious Irregularities.

Has it forgotten, how in Prince Edward county and many other constituencies, deputy returning officers clearly acting in concert and in obedience to orders from some central source, omitted to enclose the necessary certificates and the ballots therefore could not be counted? There is no record of this occurring in any case except where the Liberal candidate was in a position to be damaged by the omission.

Has it forgotten the famous

King's County (P.E.I.) Case of 1882?

When Dr. Robertson (Lib.) polled 2,002 votes, and McDonald (Con.) 1,940. The duty of the returning officer was to return the Liberal as elected, but on the strength of a statement made to him that Dr. Robertson had not resigned his seat in the Local Legislature, he made a "special return." Not even Parliament, much less the returning officer, had the right to pronounce on Dr. Robertson's qualification, that duty having been relegated to the Courts. The case was referred to the Privileges and Elections Committee, which of course gave the Conservative minority candidate the seat.