

Mr. Speaker also informed the House, that he had received from two of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions pursuant to "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act," a Certificate relating to the Election for the Electoral District of Victoria, B.C.

And the same was read as follows:—

VICTORIA, B.C., CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

THE DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTION ACT AND AMENDING ACTS.

Election of Members for the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of Victoria, British Columbia, holden on the 31st day of October, and the 7th day of November, 1900.

Dominion of Canada,
Province of British Columbia, }
To Wit:

Between

ANDREW FAIRFULL, THOMAS DUNN and MARCUS GEORGE PHIPPS,
Petitioners;

and

EDWARD GAWLER PRIOR and THOMAS EARLE,
Respondents.

To the Honourable

The Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada.

The undersigned, two of the Judges of His Majesty's Supreme Court of British Columbia, before whom the above matter was tried on the 2nd day of December, A.D. 1901, hereby certify that they have determined that the election and return of the above named Respondent, Edward Gawler Prior, as a Member for the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of Victoria, British Columbia, at the above Election were and are wholly null and void by reason of the fact that the said Edward Gawler Prior was, by his agents or agent, and by other persons on his behalf, guilty of hiring or promising to pay for horses, teams, carriages and other vehicles for the purpose of conveying voters to and from the poll and in the neighbourhood thereof at the above Election contrary to the provisions of Section 113 of the Dominion Elections Act, such offences, however, having been committed without the knowledge or consent of the said Edward Gawler Prior.

And that the said Petition, so far as relates to the Respondent, Thomas Earle, was dismissed with costs.

Dated Victoria, the 18th day of December, 1901.

GEO. A. WALKEM, J.
ARCHER MARTIN, J.

And the said Certificate was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

He also informed the House that, in conformity with Chapter 9, section 46, of the Revised Statutes, he had issued his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new writ of Election for the said Electoral District in the room of Hon. Edward Gawler Prior.