

further certify that appended hereto is a copy of the notes of the evidence taken upon said trial. And I do hereby report that no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed at such Election.

That corrupt practices did not, nor is there reason to believe that corrupt practices did extensively prevail at the Election to which the said Petition relates. And I am of the opinion that the enquiry into the circumstances of the Election has not been rendered incomplete by the action of any of the parties to the Petition, and that further enquiry as to whether corrupt practices have extensively prevailed is not desirable.

Dated this 5th day of February, A.D. 1879.

J. D. ARMOUR.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House, That in conformity with the Act 37 Victoria, Chapter 10, Sections 5 and 36, the Clerk of the House 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.

Mr. Speaker further informed the House, That the Clerk of the House had received from the Honorable Mr. Justice *Henri T. Taschereau*, one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874," Certificate and Report relating to the Election, —

For the Electoral District of *Kamouraska*, —

And the same were read and ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House, and are as follow :—

(Translation.)

KAMOURASKA CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

KAMOURASKA, 18th January, 1879.

To *Alfred Patrick, Esq.*,

Clerk of the House of Commons, *Ottawa*.

SIR,—Owing to the existing vacancy in the office of the Speaker of the House of Commons, it is to you that I am required by law to address the present Report, which is to the following effect, to wit :—

That on the seventh, eighth and ninth days of January instant, I presided, as a Judge of the Superior Court for the Province of *Quebec*, at the trial of the Election Petition, complaining of the Election and Return of *Joseph Dumont*, Esquire, elected as Member to represent the Electoral District of *Kamouraska* in the House of Commons of *Canada* at the last General Election, and that on the ninth day of January instant, I rendered judgment, a copy of which is hereto annexed, dismissing the said Petition and declaring the said *Joseph Dumont* to be duly elected.

I have further to report, in conformity with the provisions of "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874," that no corrupt practice was committed by or with the knowledge and consent of any candidate at the said Election; that in the course of the trial no one was found guilty of corrupt practices; that there is no reason for believing that corrupt practices were committed to any great extent during the Election to which the said Petition has reference.

The Petitioner having thought proper not to make use of the *enquête* by him made, and of the evidence collected by means of short-hand notes, and having consented that this *enquête* should be set aside as useless, the short-hand reporter sworn by me, has been, with the consent of the parties, relieved from writing out at length the matter contained in his notes, and in consequence I made this Report.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

HENRI T. TASCHEREAU,  
J.S.C.