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ARGENTEUIL CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

DOMINION OF CANADA, }
 Province of Quebec, } *In the Superior Court.*
 District of Terrebonne. }

(The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874)

In the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, the thirteenth day of July.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. Justice LOUIS BÉLANGER.

In the matter of the Election of a Member of the House of Commons of *Canada* for the Electoral District of *Argenteuil*, in the Judicial District of *Terrebonne*.

(No. 4.)

Thomas Hickson, of the Village of *Lachute*, and Parish of *St. Jerusalem d'Argenteuil*, Printer, *John Morell*, of the same place, Shoemaker, *Robert Morrow*, of the Village and Parish of *St. Andrews*, Carriage Builder, *Gaspard de Coligny Denys de la Ronde*, of the said Parish and Village of *St. Andrews*, Notary Public, *James Middleton*, junior, of the said Parish of *St. Andrews*, Farmer, *Hugh Pollock*, of the Parish of *St. Jerusalem d'Argenteuil*, Farmer, *John Martin*, of the said Parish of *St. Andrews*, Farmer, and *Robert Armstrong*, also of the Parish of *St. Jerusalem d'Argenteuil*, Farmer,

Petitioners.

vs.

The Honorable *John Joseph Caldwell Abbott*, of the City and District of *Montreal*, Queen's Counsel,

Respondent.

The Court having heard the parties by their respective counsel, on the merits of the Election Petition filed in this case by the said Petitioners, and praying that the election made on the twelfth February, eighteen hundred and eighty, of the said Respondent as Member to represent the said Electoral District of *Argenteuil* in the House of Commons of *Canada*, be declared null and void, that the said Respondent be declared to have been personally guilty of fraudulent practices during the said election, and in consequence thereof that he be declared disqualified; having examined the procedure and exhibits filed and heard and examined the evidence adduced by both parties and on the whole duly deliberated:

Considering that the Petitioners have not proved the allegations of their Petition of a nature to cause Respondent to be declared personally guilty of corrupt practices in the sense of the Statute, during, before or after the said election, and to cause him to be declared disqualified;

Dismisses, in consequence, that part of the said Petition;

And considering that the said Petitioners have established in evidence that the said Respondent did, by his agents in and for the said election, namely: *George Goodwin* and *James F. Sutton*, but without his knowledge and without his participation, practice corruption, and by his said agents promising during the said election, to a large number of voters at the said election, namely, to all the men employed under their control, at the works then in progress on the *Grenville Canal*, to the number of