

CENTRE WELLINGTON CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Toronto, November 17th, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that the trial of the Controverted Election for the Centre Riding of the County of *Wellington* took place before me at *Guelph*, on Tuesday, November 3rd, 1874.

That my decision and judgment were—

That *George Turner Orton*, the Respondent, was not duly elected or returned, and that this Election was void;

That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed with the knowledge or consent of the Respondent;

That corrupt practices did not extensively prevail at said Election;

That the Respondent do pay the Petitioner's costs, save and except such costs as may be on taxation shewn to have been properly incurred by the Respondent, in consequence of the allegations as to a scrutiny of votes or the polling of illegal votes, and the prayer for the seat as claimed by and stated in the Petition, which allegations and claims were abandoned by Petitioners at the opening of the trial, which costs are to be paid to the Respondent or offset against Petitioner's costs;

That *James M. Fraser, Edward Gainor, Andrew Forester, James Smith, Michael Kerby, Aaron Baker, James Kerby, Jeremiah Hallett, David B. Kelly* and *Bernard Campbell* were proved in my judgment to have been guilty of corrupt practices.

I enclose herewith a copy of the notes of the evidence.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN H. HAGARTY,

Chief Justice Court of Common Pleas for *Ontario*.

To the Honorable the Speaker
of the House of Commons.

NORTH RIDING OF LEEDS AND GRENVILLE CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Toronto, 19th November, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose a copy of the evidence given before me at *Brockville*, on the trial of the Controverted Election for the North Riding of *Leeds* and North Riding of *Grenville*.

I have also to report that the Election was declared by me to be void, on the ground of corrupt practices by the agents of the Respondent, *Charles Frederick Ferguson*.

Also, that I find that such practices were without the knowledge of the Respondent.

I also find that there was no evidence of corrupt practices generally.

I ordered the Respondent to pay the costs.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

THOMAS GALT,

J.

To the Honorable the Speaker
of the House of Commons, Ottawa.