

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Senate Chamber:—

The House attended accordingly; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received from the Hon. Mr. Justice Langelier and the Hon. Mr. Justice Jetté, two of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act" a Report relating to the election for the Electoral District of Lotbinière, and the same was read as follows:—

LOTBINIERE CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Canada, Province of Quebec, District of Quebec.	}	<i>Superior Court.</i>
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"THE DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT."

To Honourable CHARLES MARCIL,

Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada.

Election for the Electoral District of Lotbinière,

BERGERON *et al*,

Petitioners;

and

FORTIER,

Defendant.

The undersigned, Judges of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec, have the honour to make you the following report concerning the above-mentioned contested election:—

The twenty-eighth of the present month, the day fixed for the trial of the petition in this case, we proceeded with the trial of the said petition. After the hearing of four witnesses, who had proved that practices of a nature to annul the defendant's election had been committed by his agents, without his knowledge, the attorney for the defendant declared that he did not desire to proceed any further with the case, and consented to the election being annulled, with costs against the defendant.

On the proof thus made before us and the declaration of the defendant's attorney, we have annulled the said election with costs against the defendant.

It has been alleged in the said petition that fraudulent practices had been committed by the elected member personally as well as by his agents, but no proof was made that such practices had been committed by the defendant personally or by his agents to his knowledge and with his consent.

It has been proved that fraudulent practices had been committed at the said election by Francois Blouin, Phileas Normand, Joseph Lefebvre, and Adolph Lefebvre, but it has not been proven that the said practices had been committed with the knowledge and with the consent of the defendant.

It has not been proved that fraudulent practices had been committed on a large scale at the said election, and we do not think that the investigation into the circumstances connected with the election was rendered incomplete by any action on the part of the parties to the petition nor that it is desirable that a more complete investigation should take place to discover if any fraudulent practices had been committed at that election.