

said Writ of Election, dated the Fifteenth day of August instant, which is now lodged of Record in my office.

L. R. FORTIER,  
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,  
Quebec, 18th August, 1863.

To W. B. LINDSAY, Jr., Esquire,  
Clerk, Legislative Assembly, Quebec.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By *Mr. Stirton*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wellington*.

By the Honorable *Mr. Turcotte*,—The Petition of *S. J. Dawson* and others, of *Three Rivers* and vicinity.

By *Mr. Simpson*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Niagara*; and the Petition of *Wm. A. Thomson*, of *Fort Erie*.

By *Mr. Wells*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Aurora*.

By *Mr. Thompson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Cayuga*.

By *Mr. Conger*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Peterborough*.

By *Mr. Bell* (*North Lanark*),—The Petition of *Mrs. Annie Harvey*, of *Lake Nipissing*.

By *Mr. Street*,—The Petition of *James Smith*, of the Town of *Lindsay*, County of *Victoria*.

By the Honorable *Mr. McGee*,—The Petition of the Reverend *V. Rousselot*, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *La Salle d'Asile de St. Joseph, Montréal*.

By *Mr. Cornellier*,—The Petition of *Joseph Jarret de Beauregard*, of the Parish of *St. Ligouri*, County of *Montcalm*; and *Narcisse Goulet*, of the Parish of *St. Paul*, County of *Joliette*.

By *Mr. Pâquet*,—The Petition of *A. Laforce* and others, of the Township of *Brandon*, County of *Berthier*.

By *Mr. McConkey*,—The Petition of *W. Jenkins* and others, pensioners, of *Penetanguishene*.

By *Mr. Dorion* (*Drummond and Arthabaska*),—The Petition of *J. L. Héroux* and others, of the Parish of *St. Albert de Warwick*, County of *Arthabaska*.

By the Honorable *Mr. Macdonald* (*Kingston*),—The Petition of the Honorable *Alexander Campbell*, *Charles Smith Ross*, and *Samuel Taylor*.

By *Mr. Dunsford*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Victoria*.

The Honorable *Maurice Laframboise*, Member for the County of *Bagot*, having previously taken the Oath according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

On motion of *Mr. Scatcherd*, seconded by *Mr. Stirton*,

*Resolved*, That a Poll was demanded and allowed by the Returning Officer, according to law, and that the said Poll was taken in the several Municipalities within the County of *Essex*.

*Mr. Scatcherd* moved, seconded by *Mr. Stirton*, and the question being proposed, That it appears by the Poll Books and Return transmitted, by the Returning Officer appointed to preside at the said election, to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, with the said Writ of Election, that at the close of the said Election, *Arthur Rankin*, Esquire, one of the candidates, had a majority of votes.

The Honorable *Mr. Cameron* moved in amendment, seconded by *Mr. Dunkin*,

That all the words after "That," to the end of the question, be left out, and the words "the Return of the Returning Officer at the last Election for the County of *Essex*, being "a special Return, and stating facts and circumstances which require investigation before "a Tribunal having authority by law to examine witnesses on oath, is properly cognizable "by a Committee under the Controverted Elections Act," inserted instead thereof;

And the question being put on the amendment, the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—