

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

(Translation.)

L'ASSOMPTION CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Montreal, 3rd March, 1888.

Hon. J. A. Ouimet,

Speaker of the House of Commons, Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, herewith enclosed, a duly certified copy of my decision rendered on the 23rd December last, in the matter of the Controverted Election for the Electoral District of *L'Assomption* (*Normandeau vs. Gauthier*). I was unable to make my Report thereon before to-day, by reason of an appeal lodged in the Supreme Court, on an incident of the trial, which appeal has just been rejected by that tribunal.

I have, moreover, the honour to report :

1. That apart from the admission of Respondent upon which the judgment annulling the election is based, it has not been proved that corrupt practices were committed by or with the knowledge and consent of any candidate at the said election.

2. That apart from the said admission, there is no proof of corrupt practices having been committed by other persons.

3. That there is not reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the said election.

4. That there is not reason to believe that the enquiry into the circumstances of the election has been rendered incomplete by the action of any of the parties to the petition, and that it is not desirable that further enquiry be made as to whether corrupt practices have extensively prevailed.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Speaker,

Your obedient servant,

HENRI T. TASCHEREAU,

Judge, S. C.

Canada. }
Province of Quebec, }
District of Joliette. }

In the Superior Court for Lower Canada.

DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT.

Election of a Member to the House of Commons of Canada, to represent therein the Electoral District of *L'Assomption*.

Friday, the twenty-third day of the month of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

Present :

The Honourable *Henri T. Taschereau*, J.S.C.

No. 7.

JOSEPH EDOUARD BÉDARD NORMANDEAU, Captain in the Militia, of the Village of *L'Assomption*, in the Judicial District of *Joliette*,

Petitioner ;

vs.

JOSEPH GAUTHIER, Merchant, of the Town of *Laurentides*, in the said District, elected a Member of the House of Commons of Canada, to represent therein the said Electoral District of *L'Assomption*,

Respondent.