

## COLCHESTER CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Dominion of Canada,  
Province of Nova Scotia, }  
County of Colchester.

In the matter of the Controverted Election between

FREDERICK M. PEARSON,  
*Petitioner.*

AND

THOMAS MACKAY,  
*Respondent.*

I, *Alexander James*, one of the Judges appointed under the provisions of the Controverted Elections Act of 1873, for the trial of Controverted Elections in the Province of Nova Scotia, to whom was assigned, under Section 8 of said Act, the duty of trying the Controverted Election aforesaid, do hereby certify to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons for the Dominion of Canada, that I have performed that duty, and that on the fourteenth day of November instant, at the conclusion of a trial of thirteen days duration at which witnesses were examined on behalf of the Petitioner and Respondent respectively, I did determine and publicly declare the Election of the said Respondent *Thomas Mackay*, as a Member of the House of Commons for said County of Colchester, to be void for bribery by Agents,—and I do annex hereto a copy of my notes of the evidence given in such cause.

And whereas charges of corrupt practices were made in the Petition against the Respondent and his Agents, I do hereby under Section 20 of said Act report to the Honorable the Speaker, that no corrupt practice was proved at such trial to have been committed by, or with the knowledge and consent of any Candidate at such Election.

And further that the names of the persons who have been proved at such trial guilty of corrupt practices are as follows, viz.:—*Martin Smith* for bribery of *Watson Vance* with eight dollars; *William A. Fletcher* for an offer to bribe *Samuel W. Cudden*: *Samuel Lindsay* for bribery of *Samuel Brown* with five dollars; *Johnston-McCallum* for bribery of *Henry Snook* with eight dollars, and *Graham Murray* for bribery of *Daniel Lynds* with eight dollars; and that said *Samuel Lindsay*, *Johnston McCallum*, and *Graham Murray* were proved to have been Agents of the Respondent.

And I do further report that there is no reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the Election to which the Petition relates.

Dated at Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, this 21st day of November, A. D., 1874.

ALEX. JAMES.

The Honorable  
The Speaker of the House of Commons.

## NORTH VICTORIA CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

SIR,—In pursuance of the Controverted Elections Act, 1873, I beg to certify to you in relation to the Election for the North Riding of the County of Victoria held on the 29th day of January last that a Petition was duly presented under the Statute against the return of *James MacLennan*, Esq., a Member to represent the said North Riding of the County of Victoria in the House of Commons of Canada.

That the trial of such Petition came on before me at the Court House in the Town of Lindsay in the County of Victoria on Wednesday, the fourth day of November, instant, and continued by adjournment from day to day, until Tuesday the tenth day of November then following.

At the conclusion of the said trial on the day last aforesaid I determined that the said Election was void, and I certify such determination to you pursuant to the Statute.

I append hereto a copy of my notes of the evidence at the trial.

I have the honor to be,

Your obed't. serv't.,

JOS. C. MORRISON,

*Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench, Ont.*

TORONTO, 26 Nov., 1874.

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

SIR,—In pursuance of the Controverted Elections Act, 1873, in addition to the Certificate herewith sent you, that the Election for the North Riding of the County of Victoria, held on the 29th day of January last, at which *James MacLennan*, Esquire, was returned as a Member in the said Riding to serve in the House of Commons of Canada, was void, I beg to repeat as to the trial before me of the Petition in relation to such Election under the said Act: