

	RIDDLE.	HINCKS.
East and West Zorra,	225	108
East Oxford,	55	58
West Oxford,	48	63
North Oxford,	27	3
Blandford,	58	28
Blenheim,	69	72
Nissouri,	71	68
Dereham,	25	40
Burford,	100	104
Norwich,	51	144
Oakland,	14	34
Total,	742	722

Showing a majority of 20 for Mr. Riddle. Mr. Hincks finding himself excluded from Parliament, established a newspaper in the city of Montreal—the *Pilot*—in which he strenuously vindicated the justice of those views and actions which caused him to lose his seat for this county; and at the next general election which took place in 1847 he again became a candidate, and was opposed by Peter Carroll, then of Hamilton. The nomination was held in the Court House, Woodstock, on the 21st of December, John G. Vansittart returning officer. Polling days were Saturday the 30th of December and Monday the 1st of January. Mr. Hincks, during the election, was absent, having gone to Europe previous to the dissolution, but had taken the precaution—having anticipated a dissolution—of leaving his qualification with Mr. Shenston before he went, to be used in the event of an election taking place before his return. He had a majority of 346 votes; but Mr. Vansittart returned Mr. Carroll duly elected in consequence of Mr. Hincks not being present on the day of nomination to make declaration of qualification as demanded; however, Mr. Carroll was unseated by a majority in the House. Mr. Hincks having again accepted the office of Inspector General was obliged to return for re-election; and on Thursday the 25th of April 1848 the nomination took place at Woodstock, when he was unanimously elected representative for this county. This Parliament sat its full term, during which further amendments were made to the election law, by which the Sheriffs of the several counties are *ex-officio* returning officers of their respective counties; and township clerks *ex-officio* returning officers of their respective townships. Polls to be open two days, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon. The first session of the 4th Parliament met on the 19th of August 1851. The election for this parliament was held in December, the nomination took place at Woodstock on Tuesday the 15th of November, James Carroll, Sheriff, returning officer. The Hon. Francis Hincks was opposed in this election by John G. Vansittart. The former was nominated by Benjamin VanNorman, of Dereham, seconded by E.

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