

The Petitioners, qualified Electors, contested that Election on the allegation of bribery and corrupt practices, as well on the part of the Respondent as by his agents and supporters.

After issue joined upon the Petition, the Respondent, to-wit, on the twenty-seventh of July instant, filed in the Record a written document, signed by himself, and duly attested, in and by which document the Respondent admits that certain acts of bribery were committed on his behalf, but without his knowledge and consent, and consents that his said Election be declared void, with costs.

The Petitioners filed a written acceptance of this confession of judgment, and their consent that judgment be given accordingly.

Wherefore, the parties having been heard, the proceedings in the Record examined, and by reason of the admission of facts filed by the Respondent, as aforesaid.

Whereas at the said Election, held on the twenty-seventh of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, in and for the Electoral District of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, the said Respondent *Zéphirin Désiré, alias Olivier Désiré Bourbeau*, and the Honorable *Wilfrid Lawrie*, being severally candidates at the said Election, he the said Respondent was declared elected as representing and Member for the said Electoral District of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, in the House of Commons of *Canada*.

Whereas by the said admission of facts filed in the Record by the Respondent as aforesaid, it is established that the said Election is attained by certain acts of bribery and corrupt practices, committed and practiced illegally and with an unlawful object, on behalf of the Respondent by his agents and supporters, but without his knowledge and consent:—

We, a Judge of the Superior Court sitting by virtue of the Act of the Parliament of *Canada*, intituled: "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874," declare by these Presents the said Election to be void and of no effect, annulled with costs against the said Respondent.

M. A. PLAMONDON,
J.S.C.

(True Copy.)

CHAS. C. BERNIER,
Deputy Clerk of the Election Court.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That the Clerk of the House had received from the Honorable Mr. Justice *Armour*, one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874," Certificate and Report relating to the Election,—

For the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of *Hastings*,—

And the same was read and ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House, and is as follows:—

EAST HASTINGS CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

In the Queen's Bench.

THE DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT, 1874.

Election of a Member for the House of Commons for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of *Hastings*, holden on the seventeenth day of September, A.D. 1878.

I, the Honorable *John Douglas Armour*, one of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench for *Ontario*, and the Judge before whom the said Election Petition was tried on the 27th day of January, A.D. 1879, do hereby certify that upon the conclusion of the trial of the said Petition I determined that the said Election was void, and I do