

Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of October, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four :

The Court, after having heard the parties by their Advocates, on the said Petition of the said *Amable Beaupré*, on the evidence submitted to the Court on the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh days of the month of October instant, and on the respective declarations also laid before the Court by the Respondent on the twenty-seventh day of October instant, and by the Petitioner on this day, mutually consenting that the last Election of a Member of the House of Commons of *Canada*, which took place for the Electoral District of *Joliette*, at which the Respondent was, on the second day of February last, declared elected to represent the the said Electoral District of *Joliette* in the said House of Commons of *Canada*, be declared to have been null and void, and the said Petitioner desisting from his claim to be declared duly elected at the said Election; and having thereon fully deliberated;

Whereas it appears from the evidence that, during the said Election, means of corruption were employed by partizans of Respondent, and that corrupt practices were committed by them for the purpose of inducing, by corruption, electors to vote for the Respondent and of preventing other electors from voting for the Petitioner, and that in fact certain electors, with respect to whom the said corrupt practices were committed, voted for the Respondent, and others refrained from voting for the Petitioner;

Whereas the Respondent, by his declaration in writing submitted to this Court, hath consented that his said Election be declared void by this Court, by reason of unlawful acts committed and practised in the said Election, by partizans of the Respondent, but without any participation on the part of the latter; and the Petitioner by his written declaration, also laid before this Court, hath consented that the said Election be declared void, withdrawing the demand made in the said Petition that he be declared duly elected at the said Election;

Doth in consequence declare and adjudge that the said last Election of a Member of the House of Commons of *Canada* for the Electoral District of *Joliette*, at which Election the said Respondent was on the second day of February last declared and returned elected to represent the said Electoral District of *Joliette*, in the said House of Commons of *Canada*, by *Charles Gaspard Beauvain*, Returning Officer at the said Election for the said Electoral District, was and is void. And the Court directs and adjudges that the costs and expenses incurred by the said Petitioner on and in relation to the said Petition be to him paid and reimbursed by the Respondent.

L. A. OLIVIER,

J. S. C. and J. E. C., Division of *Montreal*.

Dated at *Joliette*, this 6th November, 1874.

SOUTH NORFOLK CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

*Toronto*, November 16th, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose a copy of the evidence taken before me at the trial of the Controverted Election for *South Norfolk*, and to report:—

That the Election was declared void for corrupt practices by Agents of the Respondent;

That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at such Election, and that there is no reason to believe that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the said Election.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

THOMAS GALT,

J.

To the Honorable the Speaker  
of the House of Commons.