

latter having been declared returned by shew of hands in his favour, a Poll was demanded by the supporters of *John Simpson* which was opened by the Returning Officer, who continued to receive the votes of the electors till four o'clock, on that day, and adjourned to the day after, on which day the votes of the electors continued to be taken until about half-past two o'clock, without interruption, at which period the majority in favour of petitioner was about sixty, and was rapidly increasing, when a most brutal attack was made upon Petitioner's supporters by a number of hired bullies and other persons in the interest of *John Simpson*, which resulted in grievous bodily injuries to many of petitioner's supporters who were immediately driven from the Poll and prevented to return to it by a large mob of bullies and ruffians armed with sticks and headed by one *Roebuck*, the step-son of said *Simpson*, who prevented the supporters and voters of Petitioner to approach the Poll.

Another Petition complaining of Vaudreuil election.

Notwithstanding these occurrences, and the protest of Petitioner, the Returning Officer considered it his duty to return said *J. Simpson*, as duly elected.

Petitioner therefore pray that in consequence of the violence used by said *J. Simpson* and his supporters to prevent the electors from peaceably recording their votes, this House will declare null and void, as well the election of said *J. Simpson*, as the Proclamation of the Returning Officer, declaring him duly elected, as a Member to represent the county of *Vaudreuil* in the House of Assembly, of this Province; and that this House will declare Petitioner duly elected, or cause a new election to be made.

*Ordered*—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

*Ordered*—That Mr. *J. S. Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Heir and Devisee Act.

Heir and Devisee Bill

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House and the same was received and read for the first time.

*Ordered*—That the said Bill be read a second time on *Wednesday* next.

On the motion of Mr. *Simpson* seconded by Mr. *Hamilton*,

*Ordered*—That the Rules and regulations for the Government of this House, reported by the Special Committee, be referred to a Committee of the whole House this day, and that it be the second order of the day.

Rules and Regulations referred to Committee of whole.

On the motion of *Sir Allan MacNab*, seconded by Mr. *Hincks*,

*Ordered*—That leave be given to take up that item, on the Order of the day Book, relative to the *Kent* election.

Kent Election.

According to the order of the House, of *yesterday*, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery delivered in the return for the county of *Kent*.

Return delivered in and referred to Committee of whole.

On motion of *Sir Allan MacNab*, seconded by Mr. *Morin*,

*Ordered*—That the said return be now referred to a committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee.

Mr. *Taschereau* took the chair of the committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair—

And Mr. *Taschereau* reported that the committee had come to several resolutions; which resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House, and are as followeth:

Resolutions on Kent Election reported.

*Resolved*—That it appears by the return of the Returning Officer, appointed to preside at the last election of a member for the county of *Kent*; that, at the close of said election, *Joseph Woods*, Esquire, one of the