

erected the Hustings, George Hamel, who also appeared before the Commission, is transmitted herewith. The depositions of Messieurs Main and Daly, together with a letter addressed to the Commissioners, from Mr. Webb, marked "AM," "AN," "AO," are also transmitted.

Ferdinand Filteau.—In the case of Ferdinand Filteau, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, in the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), and one thousand eight hundred and fifty four (1854), certain depositions have been taken marked.

Mr. Filteau finding as the evidence progressed, that the correctness of the accounts which he had furnished to the Government was being impeached tendered written admissions of a series of fraudulent charges made in his own name, and in the names of several of his Deputies.

These admissions the Commissioners conceived it consistent with their duty to receive, and accordingly waived the more tedious and expensive process of examining under oath a number of witnesses.

The papers containing Mr. Filteau's admissions, and signed by him, are transmitted with this Report, marked "AP," "PO."

The exhibit overcharges to the very disgraceful extent of fifty-seven pounds nineteen shillings and one penny £57 19s 1d.)

G. H. Ryland.—The accounts of G. H. Ryland, Returning Officer, at the Elections held for the County of Montreal, in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), and for the County of Hochelaga, in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854), each contains a charge of seven pounds ten shillings (£7 10s.) for providing Hustings, into the correctness of which inquiry has been made.

Respecting the charge in the account for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four (1854) three (3) depositions were taken, viz. :—from Bazile Piché, Jeremie Meilleur and Hyacinthe Guerin, marked "AR," "AS," "AT."

All of which go to prove that no Hustings was erected for the opening of the Election, but, that for the purpose of the close, a platform or Hustings was constructed which could not have cost the sum charged. Indeed Mr. Meilleur states that he loaned the necessary materials free of charge, and it is affirmed by Mr. Guerin, that as Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Sault au Recollet*, he, by the authority of Mr. Ryland, constructed the platform; that he borrowed the necessary wood, that he did not disburse more than six dollars (\$6) "*pour faire construire et de faire cette plateforme*," and that Mr. Ryland re-imbursed him in the six (\$6) dollars.

Mr. Ryland addressed a letter to one of the Commissioners, marked herewith "AU," in which it is asserted that he paid Mr. Guerin three pounds (£3), and in which other statements are made, purporting to shew that he disbursed even more than the amount in question.

Several of the accounts of Mr. Rylands' Deputies contain charges which have not been satisfactorily accounted for.

Rouer Roy, Deputy Returning Officer at *Rivières des Prairies*, in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), being called upon for an explanation of the two (2) items in his account, viz. :—"for work by a carpenter in fixing polling place, three pounds nineteen shillings and two-pence (£3 19s. 2d.) and for rent of stall, two (2) days, five pounds (£5), replied, that he paid a sum for preparing the polling place, but does not remember how much it was, or to whom it was paid; that the sum charged for rent of Hall, was intended to be paid for the benefit of *La Fabrique*, but has not been paid, and that he holds himself indebted to *La Fabrique*, in that amount.