

TUESDAY, 1st September, 1891.

The Committee met at 10:30 a.m., with closed doors.

PRESENT:

Messieurs Girouard, *Chairman*,

Adams,	Flint,	McDonald (<i>Victoria</i>),
Amyot,	Fraser,	McLeod,
Coatsworth,	German,	Mills (<i>Bothwell</i>),
Curran,	Kirkpatrick,	Moncreiff,
Daly,	Lavergne,	Thompson (<i>Sir John</i>),
Davies,	Masson,	Tupper,
Dickey,	McCarthy,	Wood (<i>Brockville</i>).—23.
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The Minutes of Friday last were read and confirmed.

The Chairman presented the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the matters contained in the Order of Reference of the 19th August, &c., which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF COMMONS, TUESDAY, 1st September, 1891.

The Sub-Committee of the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections to which was referred the matters contained in the Order of Reference from the House of the 19th August, with instructions to search for precedents and to report the result of their deliberations, beg leave to Report as follows:

That the election of the Hon. Thomas McGreevy was lawfully contested on the 15th day of April last past, and that the said contestation was pending at the time that he tendered his resignation to Mr. Speaker.

That under the circumstances your Sub-Committee recommends that the said resignation be not acted upon by Mr. Speaker, and that his warrant for the issue of a new writ be re-called.

Your Sub-Committee is also of the opinion that under the present state of the law, the Speaker, when not aware of the contestation of the election of a member, may properly act upon the resignation of such member and issue his warrant accordingly, and should clause seven of chapter thirteen of the Revised Statutes be continued, they beg to recommend that this want in the Statute be remedied by providing that in the future the Prothonotary or Clerk of the Court where an election petition is filed and pending, shall forthwith notify the Speaker of such election petition.

Your Sub-Committee finally, without expressing any opinion thereon, recommend the advisability of the House considering whether clause seven of chapter thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Canada should not be repealed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. GIROUARD,
Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Mills (*Bothwell*) it was
Resolved, That the said Report be adopted and presented to the House forthwith as the Report of the Committee.

The Chairman presented the Ninth Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to examine the books of account belonging to the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co., (respecting the claims of St. G. Boswell and James Woods for remuneration for services rendered; payment of the account of F. C. Marceau; return of private papers to N. K. Connolly; and refund of cheque returned by H. J. Chaloner) which was read and adopted. (For Ninth Report *See* APPENDIX No. 1 to the Evidence.)