

Superior Court.

DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT, 1874.

CANADA,
 PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, }
 DISTRICT OF IBERVILLE. }

No. 148.

ENQUÊTE BEFORE MR. JUSTICE CHAGNON.

SIXTE COUPAL dit LABRINE,

Petitioner.

vs.

MÉDÉRIC CATUDAL,

Respondent.

In the year 1882, the 6th day of September, appeared *Médéric Catudal*, manager of *La Banque St. Jean* at *Napierville*, residing at *Napierville* aforesaid, in the said District of *Iberville*, aged twenty-five years, witness summoned by Petitioner;

Who, having been duly sworn, deposed and saith: I am the Respondent in this case. I was a candidate at the last election of a Member of the House of Commons for the Electoral Division of *Napierville*; voting took place at the several polls on the 24th June last. After the voting I was declared the candidate elected, with an apparent majority of one hundred and forty-seven votes. My authorized agent was *Narcisse Catudal*, a burgess of *Napierville*. The names of all the persons mentioned in the Bill of Particulars now shown me are the names of electors of the Electoral Division of *Napierville*; and I believe these several persons voted at the last election.

From the issuing of the Writ ordering the election up to the day of voting I had frequent occasion to meet the said persons; and with some of them I spoke at times of my election, when I so met them. None of these persons were ever engaged by me as carters during the said election.

I never at any time paid any money whatsoever to any of the persons mentioned in the said Bill of Particulars, for services rendered during the said election. I never made them any promise of payment; neither directly nor indirectly.

Question: Apart from the various means you made use of in this electoral contest on the hustings, were you at any time during the said election guilty of corrupt practices or fraudulent proceedings in relation to all or any of the persons mentioned in the list or Bill of Particulars which was exhibited to you at the opening of your evidence?

Answer: No.

Counsel for the Respondent declines to cross-examine the witness.

Further deponent saith not, and this deposition having been read to him, he declareth it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

MÉDÉRIC CATUDAL.

Sworn, received and acknowledged, }
 before me in open Court, }
 (Signed) H. W. CHAGNON, }
 J.S.C. }

(A true copy),

H. MARCHAND,
 P.S.C.