

Was there any rioting during the time of the Polling or at its closing?—There was no actual rioting.

Did any of the Deputy Returning Officers complain of violence or threats being used towards them during the polling days?—They did not do so to me.

When was the Poll Book for Les Eboulements delivered to you?—Immediately at the close of the Poll. The Deputy brought it to me at my house.

Were you not aware, at the time of declaring the result of the election, that a vast majority of the names recorded in the Poll Books were fraudulent?—I was aware of it.

Why did you not make a Special Return with regard to the said five Parishes inclusive of St. Fidèle?—Because I was not advised so to do, and the reason why I did so in the case of the Parish of St. Fidèle was, because the said Book was not signed by the Deputy, and otherwise in an improper form.

By the Council for Sitting member.

Have you any and what reasons to believe that the names inscribed in the Poll Book of St Urbain were not taken within the polling hours?—I have reason to believe so, because the great number of votes inscribed thereon could not have been taken in so short a time by one person and because the book was kept many days after the closing of the Poll by the Deputy Returning Officer.

Look at the Poll Book for St. Urbain and state whether there is any thing in it in the hand writing of the Deputy Returning Officer?—I do not recognize any of the Deputy's hand writing in it.

Look at the third page of the *cahier* annexed to the Poll Book of St. Urbain and state whether you recognize any of the hand-writing therein and where is it? Two or three of the first names are to the best of my knowledge and belief in the hand writing of Dr. *Boudreau*, of St. Paul's Bay, with whose hand-writing I am conversant. The other hand-writing I do not recognize. I do not know the hand writing of the Poll Clerk of St. Urbain. There is a great variety of hand-writing in the said Poll Book.

Cross-examined by the Petitioner.

Which names do you recognize as those written by Dr. *Boudreau*?—The names "Adam Sinard and Etienne Dupras" the two first names on the third page of the said *cahier*.

Do you know the hand-writing of *Jean Gagné* of the Parish of St Etienne de la Malbaie, Esquire, Notary?—I do.

Do you know any persons whose hand-writing you recognize in the Poll Book of St. Fidèle, and state where?—Yes, I see in the Poll Book of St. Fidèle, some writing which to the best of my knowledge and belief, is the hand-writing of the said *Jean Gagné*, Esquire of the Parish of St. Etienne de la Malbaie, Notary, and amongst that hand-writing and the names that I recognize as being written by the said *Jean Gagné*, in the said book, are the names, and supposed votes, from number 1700 to 1760. I notice also that the numbers set opposite the names from the beginning of the books, to the end of the last *cahier*, are all in the hand-writing of the said *Jean Gagné*, as also the total addition 4433. There are also several other hand-writings in the said book which I do not recognize.

Re-examined by the Committee.

Did any, and what person, either on behalf, or in the interest of the Petitioner or sitting member, make any enquiries from you, on or before the 3rd August, in reference to the state of the different polls, and did you give them the information required?—Yes, to the best of my recollection, either *Alfred Hamel*, or *Louis Lavoie*, or both, made some enquiries respecting the state of the polls, and were permitted to see the books in my possession, those for Ste. Fidèle, Ste. Agnes, St.