

Answer—I understand that the expenditure was, in fact I know that one of the candidates expended nearly \$15,000, and I understand that, on the other side, the friends of the other candidate expended nearly \$30,000.

Question—You say one of the candidates expended \$15,000; who was that candidate?

Answer—Mr. Cauchon.

Question—How do you know that he expended that amount?

Answer—I knew it from himself.

Question—How do you know the expenditure on the other side?

Answer—I did not know it from Mr. Ross, but I know it from some of his friends, and it is a matter of public notoriety in Quebec, that the expenditure on that side was nearly double that on Mr. Cauchon's side.

Question—There was a good deal of riot in that election?

Answer—Yes, and loss of life also. One man was killed. Perhaps I might be allowed on that point to state this also, that none of the money that was entrusted to me for the elections was expended in this election of Quebec Centre. I make this statement specially, because it had been stated outside, of course by my opponents, that they were not surprised now to find that there had been so much rioting and loss of life in that election of Quebec Centre; and, of course, I wish it to be well understood that I had no part in that election.

Question—You stood aloof from the election, did you not?

Answer—Yes. The fact is, Mr. Cauchon gave me to understand that he was friendly to the administration, and so did the friends of Mr. Ross, on the other side, give me to understand that Mr. Ross was also friendly to us; and finding therefore our friends in Quebec Centre were divided, some supporting Mr. Cauchon, and others Mr. Ross, I stated to Mr. Cauchon and to Mr. Ross's friends that, under the circumstances, the Government would take no part in that election, but that they would leave their friends to fight the battle out themselves, and elect what candidate they thought right under the circumstances.

Question—Are you aware of the election contest in Missisquoi?

Answer—Nothing special.

Question—That is not in your District?

Answer—It is not in the region I was looking after.

Question—You know nothing of the expenditure there?

Answer—No; only by hearsay.

Question—Do you know anything of the expenditure in Kamouraska?

Answer—Not personally, but I understand it was very large.

Question—Who were the candidates?

Answer—The candidates were Mr. Pelletier on the opposition side, and Mr. Routhier (now Judge Routhier) on the other side.

Question—The expenditure was very large in that County?

Answer—It was very large.

Question—Have you any means of judging approximately of the expenditure there?

Answer—If I could judge from public rumors, I should suppose that it was between \$16,000 and \$18,000.

Question—On both sides?

Answer—No; about \$8,000 or \$9,000 on each side.

Question—Which is Mr. Fournier's County?

Answer—Bellechasse.

Question—Do you know anything about the expenditure there?

Answer—No; but I understand it was large on both sides.

The fact is, that in all the elections the expenditure was very large; much larger than usual. My political friends from the different portions of the eastern part of Lower Canada all state that the expenditure against them was such that they could not stand it. This accounts to a very great extent for the loss of some of the counties there.