

tices have been proven to have been committed at such Election by or with the knowledge and consent of the Respondent;

(c.) That *Patrick Harty, Isaac Noble, Thomas Hanly* and *Armstrong McCormick* were proved at the said trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices at the said Election, and

(d.) There is reason to believe that corrupt practices prevailed extensively at the Election to which the Petition relates.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. B. RICHARDS,

C. J.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons,
Dominion of *Canada, Ottawa.*

(Translation.)

CHAMBLY CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons of the Dominion of *Canada* :

The undersigned, one of the Judges of the Superior Court for Lower Canada, acting as Judge of the Election Court, in the Montreal Division, in the Province of Quebec, under the provisions of the Controverted Elections Act, 1873, has the honor to report:—

That on the seventh day of March, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, there was presented to the said Election Court, in the said Montreal Division, by *Pierre Basile Benoit*, Esquire, farmer, of the Parish of *St. Hubert*, in the Electoral District of *Chambly*, in the Montreal Division, Province of *Quebec*, duly qualified as elector to vote at the Election of Members of the House of Commons of *Canada*, an Election Petition complaining of the Election of *Amable Jodoin*, Junior, Esquire, returned, as having been duly elected Member to represent the County or Electoral Division of *Chambly*, in the said House of Commons, and of the return of which Election, notice was published on the seventh of March last, in the *Canada Gazette*.

That the grounds adduced by the said *Pierre Basile Benoit*, in support of his said Petition were the employment of illegal and corrupt practices, as well by the said *Amable Jodoin*, Junior, himself, as by his relations and friends; and he alleged that after rejecting the illegal votes of persons not qualified to vote, deprived of their right of voting, and of those whose votes should be rejected, the said *Amable Jodoin*, instead of having a majority of the votes of the electors of the said Electoral District, would be found to be in the minority.

The said *Pierre Basile Benoit*, by his said Petition, prayed that the Election of the said *Amable Jodoin* should be declared null and void, and that he himself should be declared to have been elected, and to be the representative of the said Electoral District of *Chambly* in the House of Commons of the Dominion, at the said Election for which he was a candidate.

The said Election Court appointed the twenty-second day of September last, for the examination of the contestation of the said Election, and the undersigned was charged with that examination.

The Petitioner caused several witnesses to be heard, and it appears from their evidence, that the purchase of votes by the friends of the said *Amable Jodoin* had been practised to a considerable amount, and that there had been spent by them for that purpose, about ten thousand dollars; nevertheless, it does not appear that the said *Amable Jodoin* had any participation therein, and the said Petitioner has not persisted in his prayer to be declared legally elected.

The said *Amable Jodoin*, by a written declaration, fyled on the twenty-fourth of