

now dead, was a Justice of the Peace at the time ; the late Mr. Lloyd was also a Magistrate, he pointed out to me the house where I was to reside. I do not recollect having seen any other Magistrate there.

72. Do you know a gentleman of the name of Barron, a Major of Militia and Justice of the Peace ?—I may have seen him, but I am not acquainted with him.

73. Before reaching the School-house where the polling was to take place, was it not necessary to pass the place appointed for the Hustings, when the election Writ was read ?—It was.

74. When the Writ of Election was read, or being read, were there many persons within hearing, and state the number ?—While the Writ of Election was read, there were near the Hustings about two thousand of Mr. Lafontaine's supporters, among whom I saw a great many strangers from the other Counties. There were about fifty or sixty of Mr. McCulloch's supporters, and the remainder were at the School-house.

75. Describe the situation of the School-house, with reference to the place where the Hustings were, and also the approach to the School-house from the Hustings ?—The School-house was about four or five acres from the Hustings. The Hustings were in a hollow extending from the eminence upon which was the School-house, and the Hustings were at the foot of another eminence, corresponding with that upon which the School-house was built, but higher.

76. Are the Committee to understand that electors wishing to proceed to the School-house from the Hustings had to ascend an eminence ?—Yes.

77. How many roads were there by which yourself and the Electors at the Hustings could avail yourselves of in order to reach the School-house ?—There is but one road.

78. What was the breadth or width of this road ?—In winter this road is not more than four or five feet broad.

79. What was the depth of snow on each side of the road at the time of the Election ?—It was very deep ; I cannot say exactly how deep.

80. Were any of the persons who surrounded the Hustings armed, and state in what manner ?—They were all armed with sticks.

81. Were the sticks used either during the reading of the Writ, or at any time after, and if so, state at what time ?—The sticks were crossed, but not made use of during the reading of the Writ. I went down and separated them twenty paces apart.

82. While the Writ was reading, or shortly after, did you observe what was going on at the School-house ?—I could see the people there in a body hallooing and brandishing their sticks.

83. Who were those people, and what was their number ?—They were Dr. McCulloch's people, to the number of about eight or nine hundred.

84. Are the Committee to understand that the School-house at the time of the reading of the Writ was in the possession of the eight hundred or nine hundred armed men you have just mentioned ?—Yes, they had the ground ; and Mr. Lafontaine's men might have kept it too had they not gone down the hill to go to the Hustings, for they came up like an army from Desplaines.

85. Did you see any quantity of broken stones

upon the road near the School-house ?—On my return from the Election I saw stones strewn on each side of the road leading to Desplaines, which road was used by Mr. Lafontaine's people going and returning.

86. What position did the fifty or sixty supporters of Dr. McCulloch who were at the Hustings occupy, with reference to the School-house ?—When Mr. Lafontaine's men came up they were fatigued, and sat down upon saw logs which were in the place mentioned in the notice. The fifty or sixty supporters of Dr. McCulloch who were at the Hustings, were between the School-house and the Hustings.

87. Were the fifty or sixty supporters of Dr. McCulloch, who stood near the Hustings, Electors ?—Those whom I saw were Electors.

88. Did they seem to be conducted by any person ?—There was a person at the head of them in the same manner as there was an Irish *bully* at the head of Mr. Lafontaine's supporters, and this *bully* was the cause of the trouble, as he spoke the same language as the other party.

89. Did you observe at the time of the reading of the Writ or after, a movement from some of the people standing on the School-house hill, and state what ?—I saw none except what I have stated before.

90. Were you present at any conversation between Mr. Lafontaine and Dr. McCulloch, and state all that occurred after the reading of the Writ ?—Immediately after the shew of hands, which was in favor of Mr. Lafontaine, Mr. Lafontaine called me aside along with Dr. McCulloch and several of the Electors of both parties, and asked me whether I could procure military assistance in case of any effusion of blood. I told him that the distance was so great that it was impossible to send for troops, but I told him that he could have as many special Constables as he pleased. He laughed at this and said it was of no use ; and I am of opinion it was perfectly useless. Mr. Lafontaine told me that to prevent murder and bloodshed he would retire.

91. Was it in your power to have prevented a resort to violence by either of the parties ?—It was wholly out of my power, and I told Mr. Lafontaine so at the time.

92. What would have been the consequence if Mr. Lafontaine had persisted in going to the School-house ?—In my opinion, and as a matter of course, there would have been a conflict between the two parties.

93. Are this Committee to understand that Mr. Lafontaine's party arrived at the Hustings on the morning of the election, and that Dr. McCulloch's arrived on the Saturday and Sunday previous ?—Dr. McCulloch's party arrived on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the election, and on the morning of the election ; but Mr. Lafontaine's party only arrived on the morning of the election.

94. Do you know Mr. A. P. Hart, of Montreal, Advocate ? Was he at New Glasgow during the election, and what did he do there ?—He was at the election assisting Dr. McCulloch, I suppose, as a legal adviser.

95. Have you ever said that if the parties had come into collision many lives would have been lost ?—I have said so, and I say so still ; and my life would have been at stake too.