

The amount charged for mileage is not so well borne out. It is evident from the depositions in reference to it, that one hundred (100) miles would be a liberal allowance. Three of Mr. Lynch's deputies, viz.:—F. X. Poitras, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Timothée; John Symons, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Louis de Gonzague; and Henry Bogue, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Clement, appear to have made false charges for polling places. Mr. Bogue charged as much as twelve pounds (£12) for House-rent, Preparations, and Cleaning House. From this the Deputy Inspector General deducted seven pounds ten shillings (£7 10s.), and still too much was allowed. Mr. Duncan, the owner of the house in which the Poll was held, deposes that he did not receive more than three pounds (£3) for the use of his house, and that he never authorized an application to the Government for any larger amount.

Mr. Bogue admits that Mr. Duncan's statement is correct, and further acknowledges that the sum of one pound (£1), charged in his account for the services of two (2) constables was not paid.

F. X. Poitras admits that the sum of three pounds (£3), which he charged as Rent of *La Salle Publique* has not been paid by him, that he made no engagement to pay it, and that *La Fabrique* has never applied to him for it. John Symons also charged ten pounds (£10) for "Rent of House, Preparation, and Cleaning," from which five pounds ten shillings (£5 10s.) was deducted by the Deputy Inspector General.

It is now acknowledged by Mr. Symons that the balance was not paid for the use of the School House in which the Poll was held, that he had made no arrangement with the School Commissioners to that effect, and that the original charge was made with the view of re-imbursing him for arrangements made for the Polling, and for trouble and expense he was put to in preparing to maintain peace and good order during the election. See Depositions "AE," to "AL," inclusive.

George F. Bowen.—Mr. Sheriff Bowen, upon being questioned relative to the charge of five pounds ten shillings (£5 10s.) for Hustings and Fuel in his account as Returning Officer at an election held in the Town of Sherbrooke, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), and relative to a charge of two pounds ten shillings (£2 10s.) in his account as Returning Officer, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three (1853), admitted that these sums were not disbursed, that on both occasions the election was held in the Court House, and that the charges were made from a belief on his part that they were allowed to Returning Officers as perquisites.

W. H. Webb.—The account of W. H. Webb, Returning Officer for the United Counties of Sherbrooke and Wolfe, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854), contains a series of items for mileage in posting proclamations and communicating with Deputies, amounting in all to the sum of fifty one pounds sixteen shillings (£51 16s.) The depositions of John Main, County Superintendent, and Patrick Daly, Land Surveyor, differ as to the proper charge in such a case, the former allowing eight hundred miles (800) for each journey, the latter three hundred and sixty-one miles (361).

Mr. Daly states, however, in cross-examination, that his *route* would probably be shorter than that of a person of less experience in travelling in that locality, and that one having less knowledge of the roads might follow the course given by Mr. Bain.

It would consequently seem fair to allow Mr. Webb the full benefit of Mr. Main's reckoning, in which case the overcharge on the part of Mr. Webb would be limited to about eleven pounds sixteen shillings. The charge for Hustings in Mr. Webb's account was found to be correct. The receipt of the party who