

exception, being furnished at his own expense and at his usual place of residence. I confess I did not attach much importance during the trial to the meeting or meetings held at Sarsfield's, for the reason that, until Mr. Kerr referred to the interpretation clause, I considered a contravention of the 151st section in the light rather of a forbidden than a corrupt practice, but a consideration of his argument has satisfied me I was mistaken. Moreover, I looked upon what took place on those occasions as of such a trifling nature as not to have affected the result of the election; but I was much impressed with his contention that when we are called upon to decide on the effect which a number of illegal acts may have had on that result, we can exclude none from our consideration. It is plain the meeting in question was held "for the purpose of promoting the election previous to such election," and also that persons who were agents of the respondent were present and furnished drink and entertainment to the persons then taking part in the proceedings; it is therefore clear there was an infringement of the law. There were also two cases of personation proved, but it was not shown that this violation of the law was done by persons for whose actions the respondent is responsible; still they cannot be overlooked when we are called upon to decide whether "the corrupt act or acts was or were of such trifling nature, or of such trifling extent, that the result cannot have been affected, or be reasonably supposed to have been affected, by such act or acts, either alone or in connection with other illegal practices at the election."

We find, then, that there were between forty and fifty cases of bribery, a large amount of indiscriminate treating close to one of the polling places—one at a large meeting the evening before the polling day—which treating was a corrupt practice under the 11th sub-section of section 2 of the Election Act, and two cases of personation.

Thus there are instances of almost every corrupt practice forbidden by the Election Law.

We feel it impossible to say that such numerous illegal