

And I, the Judge, have the honor to report to the Honorable the Speaker that no corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed by or with the knowledge or consent of any candidate at the said Election, and that there is not reason to believe that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the said Election.

That *Joseph Beigue, Henry Wayland, Jean Guilmette, — Desmandis, and Salmon Willard* were proved at the trial to have been guilty of certain corrupt practices, to wit: bribery.

All which is respectfully reported.

M. DOHERTY,  
J. S. C. & J. E. C.

### JOLIETTE CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

(Translation).

ELECTION COURT.

“CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT 1873.”

*Election of a Member of the House of Commons of Canada, for the Electoral District of Joliette*

Dominion of Canada, }  
Province of Quebec, }  
Montreal Division }  
To wit:

AMABLE BEAUPRÉ,

vs.

*Petitioner,*

LOUIS FRANÇOIS GEORGE BABY,

*Respondent.*

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada;

I, the undersigned, the Honourable *L. A. Olivier*, one of the Judges of the Superior Court in and for Lower Canada, now the Province of Quebec and one of the Judges of the Election Court for the Division of Montreal charged with the trial of the Election Petition aforesaid, certify as follows:

At a Court held for the trial of the Election Petition of the said *Amable Beupré*, at Joliette, in the County of Joliette, before the Honourable *L. A. Olivier*, one of the Judges of the Superior Court in and for Lower Canada, now the Province of Quebec, and one of the Judges of the Election Court for the Division of Montreal, on Wednesday the twenty-eighth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy four.

The Court, after having heard the parties by their Advocates, on the said Petition of the said *Amable Beupré*, on the evidence submitted to the Court, on the twenty-sixth and the twenty-seventh days of the month of October instant, and on the respective declarations also laid before the Court, by the Respondent, on the twenty-seventh day of October instant and by the Petitioner on this day, mutually consenting that the last Election of a Member of the House of Commons of Canada which took place for the Electoral District of Joliette, at which the Respondent was, on the Second day of February last declared elected to represent the said Electoral District of Joliette in the said House of Commons of Canada, be declared to have been null and void, and the said Petitioner desisting from his claim to be declared duly elected at the said Election, and having thereon fully deliberated;

Whereas it appears from the evidence that, during the said Election means of corruption were employed by partizans of Respondent and that corrupt practices were committed by them, for the purpose of inducing by corruption, electors to vote for the Respondent and of preventing other electors from voting for the Petitioner and that in fact certain electors with respect to whom the said corrupt practices were committed, voted for the Respondent, and others refrained from voting for the Petitioner;

Whereas the Respondent, by his declaration in writing submitted to this Court, hath consented that his said Election be declared void by this Court, by reason of unlawful acts committed and practiced in the said Election, by partizans of the Respondent, but without any participation on the part of the latter; and the Petitioner by his written declaration also laid before this Court, hath consented that the said Election be declared void, withdrawing the demand made in the said Petition that he be declared duly elected at the said Election;

Doth in consequence declare and adjudge that the said last Election of a Member of the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of Joliette, at which Election the said Respondent was on the Second day of February last declared and returned elected to represent the said Electoral District of Joliette, in the said House of Commons of Canada, by *Charles Gaspard Beaudoin*, Returning Officer at the said Election for the said Electoral District, was and is void. And the Court directs and adjudges that the costs and expenses incurred by the said Petitioner on and in relation to the said Petition be to him paid and reimbursed by the Respondent.

Dated at Joliette, this 6th November, 1874.

L. A. OLIVIER.

*J. S. C. and Judge of the Election Court, Division of Montreal.*