

County of Terrebonne. The first time I served as Returning Officer was when Mr. Lafontaine was first elected.

47. In whose favor did the three elections, prior to 1841, result, and if they were contested state so, and by whom, and what was the majority in favor of the successful candidate?—The three first Elections always resulted in the return of Mr. Lafontaine. The first Election was contested by Messrs. Bellefeuille and Lacroix, who obtained but very few votes, and on the second day retired. At the two next Elections no opposing Candidate appeared, and there was no Poll opened.

48. Did you receive any and what instructions or directions for the execution of the Writ of Election, and if so, from whom and produce the same if in writing?—I never received any instructions but those contained in the Writ and in my Commission.

49. For what reason was the polling place altered from Mr. Lloyd's store to the School-house?—I could get no place nearer.

50. Why did you mention Lloyd's store in your notice, if you were not certain of obtaining the use of it?—There was no Church there, and I thought that Lloyd's store was the most public place; and it was usual, when a Poll was demanded, to adjourn to some house in the neighbourhood to take the votes.

51. Did you anticipate that the election of 1841 would be contested, and that it would be necessary to poll the votes of the County?—I did.

52. When did you first take steps to secure a polling place? What place did you select?—I went out on the Saturday preceding the day of the election, for the purpose of securing a place for the election, when I selected the School-house.

53. Did you select the School-house as being the most fitting place, or had you any other, and if so, what reason for taking it?—I selected that place, as I could not get any other near enough to the place of election.

54. Why did you not take steps to secure a polling place prior to the Saturday before the election?—I thought two days sufficient time to secure a polling place.

55. How many houses or other places were there in the vicinity of Lloyd's store capable of serving as polling places?—Not more than four or five houses. The School-house was the largest.

56. Where did you spend the Sunday previous to the election?—I remained at Mr. Marshall's house during all Sunday. There were no persons of either party in this house, as I did not wish to mix with any body.

57. Were the strangers, whose arrival at New Glasgow you have mentioned as having taken place on Saturday and Sunday, on foot, or did they come in carriages? If in the latter way, state the manner of their conveyance?—Some came on foot, but the greater part came in *traines* and *carioles*, and other carriages; I cannot state the number of carriages, but there was a long file of them. They came in divisions, bearing flags and sticks, and cheering. I think, for Mr. McCulloch.

58. What was the color of the flags; and did they bear any inscriptions or devices?—I do not remember the colors of the flags, nor the inscriptions thereon.

59. Do you know a person of the name of Nicholas Fullam?—I saw a person of that name during the Election.

60. Was this Mr. Fullam a Freeholder, or Elector? Was he a resident of the County, and if so, for how long had he resided there?—I never had seen the person before. He did not belong to the County.

61. Do you know where that individual resides now? Do you know how long he has resided in Canada; and what his occupation or business was? State all that you know respecting him and his business and occupation?—I understood that he resided at that time in Montreal, but I was told that he is now in England. I never heard what was his business or occupation.

62. Did he take any part in the Election of Terrebonne; if so, state what part, and specify and detail his conduct upon that occasion, in so far as it may relate to the Election?—About an hour before the Election, I met him as he was coming to me; he asked me if I was Returning Officer, and then desired me to show him the place of polling. He went with me to the polling place, where he helped me to arrange the desks.

63. How did he introduce himself to you, and what reason did he assign for calling upon you, and for interfering in your proceedings?—He came up and accosted me, and I took him for an elector. He assigned no reasons for interfering in my proceedings.

64. Did you hear at any time either before, during, or after the Election, of a description of persons called *Black-feet*, or *Pied-noirs*, or some other such name?—I never did at any time.

65. Prior to the Election, did you ever hear that men were expected from Upper Canada, or some other part remote from the County, for the purpose of taking part in the Election?—I did not.

66. On the day fixed for the Election, did you hear that people from Glengary had arrived, or were about to arrive, or were expected at New Glasgow?—On the day after the Election, I heard that a party of Glengary men had left Terrebonne for the Election at St. Laurent, but I saw nothing of them at New Glasgow.

67. Previous to the Elections, did you hear, or did you read in any of the public prints, that the Terrebonne Election would be carried by force, if it could not be carried otherwise?—I frequently met Mr. Turgeon, who mentioned to me that his party would go to the Election armed with sticks, as he had heard that the other party would be armed also.

68. You have spoken of a *Charivari* the night before the election; by what description of persons was the *Charivari* made, and by the supporters of which of the Candidates?—The *Charivari* must have been made by Dr. McCulloch's party.

69. Under whose command were the Gore people?—I can't say. There were a number of gentlemen who called themselves leaders.

70. Were there among the leaders any who held Commissions in the Militia, or who were in the Commission of the Peace?—I believe there were.

71. Be pleased to mention, by name, all the Officers of Militia and Justices of the Peace whom you saw upon the occasion?—Mr. McAllister, who is