

3rd. That not having been so made, and the Speaker having reported the recognizance to be unobjectionable, the report of the Speaker thereon as provided by the statute, must, in the opinion of this Committee, be considered as final and conclusive to all intents and purposes.

The Counsel for the Petitioner applied for a summons to be forwarded to the Returning Officer in this case.

The Counsel for the sitting Member objected to this course of proceeding, urging that should a commission issue the Returning Officer might be examined before the commission, thereby saving time and expense.

The Counsel for the Petitioner withdrew his application for the present.

Adjourned till half past-nine o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Saturday, 25th November, 1854.

The Committee met at half-past 9 o'clock, A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MICHAEL H. FOLEY, Esquire, *Chairman.*

Mr Papin,
Mr. Matheson,
Mr. Prévost,
Mr. Larwill.

The Counsel for the Petitioner presented his authority for appearing on behalf of the Petitioner, and proceeded to open the case on the following grounds.

1st. That no Poll was held in either of the Townships of Harrington, Howard, Arundel, Montcalm, Wolfe, Salaberry and Grandison.

2nd, That no Poll was held at St. Hermas according to law, inasmuch as the same was closed at ten minutes past one o'clock, P. M., on the second day of Polling.

3rd. That the Poll held at St. Placide was closed at 4 o'clock on the second day of Polling.

4th. That the proclamation for the said pretended Election was not "Posted up" in each Parish and Township, nor in fact in any place in the said County of Argenteuil within eight clear days before the nomination day for the said Election.

The Counsel for the Petitioner admitted the 1st and 2nd grounds to be established, the 3rd he abandoned, and with respect to the 4th, he desired delay to produce witnesses to substantiate the same.

The Council for both parties then withdrew.

The Committee deliberated and decided that the defence he heard on the 1st and 2nd grounds of objections, the 3rd being abandoned by the Counsel for the Petitioner, and that the 4th lay over for further consideration.

The Counsel for the sitting Member was heard on the defence.

The Committee adjourned till half-past ten o'clock, A.M., on Monday.
