

said Honourable Thomas McGreevy ; and whereas, upon such information being given to the House, the Honourable Member for Bellechasse did from his place in the House state that the election of the said Honourable Thomas McGreevy is now being lawfully contested, this House doth empower and direct the Committee on Privileges and Elections to enquire and report to this House whether the election of the said Honourable Thomas McGreevy was being lawfully contested at the time he tendered to Mr. Speaker his resignation as aforesaid, and if such fact is found in the affirmative, whether the Warrant of Mr. Speaker should have issued for the issue of a new Writ and what practice should be adopted with reference to similar resignations tendered to Mr. Speaker in the future by Members of this House."

On motion of Sir John Thompson, it was

Ordered, That the Clerk do telegraph to the Prothonotary of the Superior Court, Quebec, and order him to send by first mail certified copies of Petition (if any) filed against the return of the Honourable Thomas McGreevy as Member for Quebec West, and also of any proceedings that may be filed of record in the case, including copy of judgment fixing the day for the hearing of the case.

On motion of Sir John Thompson, it was

Resolved, That a Sub-Committee composed of Messrs. Girouard, Adams, Mills (*Bothwell*), Davies and the mover be appointed to consider the matters contained in the Order of Reference, of the 19th instant, to search for precedents and to report the result of their deliberations to the Standing Committee.

The Committee then adjourned till Tuesday next, at 11 a.m.

Attest.

WALTER TODD,
Clerk of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 25th August, 1891.

The Committee met at 11 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT :

Messieurs Girouard, *Chairman*,

Adams,	Flint,	Mills (<i>Bothwell</i>),
Amyot,	Fraser,	Moncrieff,
Baker,	German,	Mulock,
Choquette,	Kirkpatrick,	Tarte,
Curran,	Lavergne,	Thompson (<i>Sir John</i>),
Daly,	Masson,	Tupper,
Desaulniers,	McDonald (<i>Victoria</i>),	Weldon,
Desjardins (<i>L'Islet</i>),	McLeod,	Wood (<i>Brockville</i>).—26.
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The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman stated that in pursuance of the Order of the Committee of the 20th instant the Clerk had telegraphed to Messrs. Fiset, Borroughs & Campbell, Prothonotaries of the Superior Court, Quebec, and had received in reply, by registered mail, the following documents, viz:—Certified copies of: 1. Election Petition, *Pennée et al vs. McGreevy*, Quebec West Election; 2. Notice of Petition and Receipt for Security; 3. Preliminary objections by Defendant; 4. Motion of Petitioner to fix the day for hearing; and 5. Transcript of Proceedings, &c.

Mr. Henry, Q.C., Counsel for the Public Works Department, filed a printed factum.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, Counsel for Hon. Thomas McGreevy, then addressed the Committee.

At 1 o'clock the Committee adjourned till to-morrow at 10:30 a.m.

Attest.

WALTER TODD,
Clerk of Committee.