

Superior Court.

"DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT, 1874."

CANADA,
 PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,
 DISTRICT OF JOLIETTE. }

JOLIETTE, 4th November, 1882.

PRESENT :

The Honourable Mr. Justice MICHAEL MATHIEU, J.S.C.

Election of a Member of the House of Commons of *Canada* for the Electoral District of *Joliette*, situated in the Judicial District of *Joliette*.

BENOIT TREMBLAY, *et al.*

Petitioners.

vs.

EDOUARD GUILBAULT,

Respondent.

The Court, after having heard the parties, to wit: the Petitioners and the said Respondent, *Edouard Guilbault*, by their respective Counsel, on the Election Petition presented against the Return, at the last election for the House of Commons of *Canada*, of *Edouard Guilbault*, Esquire, Respondent, for the Electoral District of *Joliette*, which took place on the 13th day of June, 1882, for the presentation of the candidates, and on the 20th day of June last for the polling of votes, examined the said Petition; the answer thereunto filed by the said Respondent, and all proceedings in this case and on the whole duly deliberated :

Inasmuch as the said Respondent, *Edouard Guilbault*, did, on the 13th October last, file in this case a declaration that in view of the corrupt practices committed at the said election by certain agents of the Respondent, but without his knowledge, without his participation, and in spite of his express prohibition, he consented that the said election should be annulled for all purposes whatever;

Whereas on this day, the Petitioners, by their Counsel and Attorneys, have declared that they withdraw the personal charges made against the Respondent, *Edouard Guilbault*, personally;

Whereas the said Respondent, by his Counsel and Attorneys, hath declared that, inasmuch as the Petitioners had declared that they purposed to bring no evidence except in proof of the charges against the Respondent personally, and whereas the said charges were withdrawn, he the Respondent declared that he had no counter evidence to bring to disprove the charges which the Petitioners had attempted to establish against the Respondent directly and against his agents in an indirect manner;

Whereas the said Petitioners have prayed that the said election be annulled with costs against the Respondent, and Respondent hath declared that he had no objections to the said prayer;

Whereas it appears from the said admission of the said *Edouard Guilbault*, the Respondent in this case, filed as aforesaid, on the 13th day of October last, that the said Election is tainted with certain acts of corruption and corrupt practices practised and committed irregularly for an unlawful purpose on behalf of the Respondent, by his agents and supporters, but without his knowledge and without his consent;

In virtue of the Act of the Parliament of *Canada*, intituled: "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874," hath declared and doth hereby declare the said Election null and void and of no effect: