

NIAGARA CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Toronto, November 30th, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to report to you that the trial of the Controverted Election Petition for the Town of *Niagara*, with the Township of *Niagara* attached thereto, took place before me at *Niagara* on the 20th October last and two following days.

That my judgment was :—That the Respondent, *Josiah B. Plumb*, was not duly elected, and that said Election was void ;

That no corrupt practice was proved to have been committed with the knowledge or consent of the Respondent ;

That corrupt practices did not extensively prevail at said Election ;

That *William Longhurst*, *David Lowry* and *Robert Best* were guilty of corrupt practices.

And I ordered that the Respondent should pay the Petitioner's costs, except as to witnesses summoned in attendance, respecting any charge of undue influence, threatening with loss of office, salary or income, or the opening or supporting of any house of entertainment for the accommodation or treating of Electors, such charges being unwarrantably made.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN H. HAGARTY,

Chief Justice, Court of Common Pleas of *Ontario*.

I enclose herewith a copy of my notes of the evidence.

This Report would have been made earlier but that an appeal against my decision was lodged, and has only this day been allowed to be withdrawn.

The Honorable the Speaker
of the House of Commons.

L'ASSOMPTION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT.

(The Controverted Elections Act, 1873.)

DOMINION OF CANADA,
Province of *Quebec*, *Montreal* Division. } *Re* COUNTY OF L'ASSOMPTION.

LUDGER FOREST,
Petitioner,

AND

HILAIRE HURTEAU,
Respondent.

I, *Francis Godschall Johnson*, Judge of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada*, and an Election Judge of the *Montreal* Division, named to try this Petition, do hereby certify to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons, in conformity with the provisions of section 19 of the Controverted Elections Act, 1873, that on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, at the Court House at the Village of *L'Assomption*, in the Electoral District of *L'Assomption*, at the conclusion of the trial of this Election Petition, I did determine that *Hilaire*