

CORNWALL AND STORMONT CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

In the High Court of Justice.

THE DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT.

Election of a Member for the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of the Riding of the County of Cornwall and Stormont, holden on the 31st day of October and 7th day of November, A.D. 1900.

Between

CHRISTOPHER FRASER McRAE,

Petitioner;

and

ROBERT A. PRINGLE,

Respondent.

To the Honourable
The Speaker of the House of Commons,
Ottawa.

The undersigned, two of the Justices of the High Court of Justice for Ontario, do hereby certify that on the 21st day of September, 1901, at the Town of Cornwall, in the said Electoral District, we held a Court for the trial of, and there tried the Petition between the said parties respecting the above Election.

1. At the said Court Counsel appeared for the said Petitioner, and stated that he was not prepared to offer any evidence in support of said Petition, and no evidence was in fact offered in respect of the same.

We therefore held and determined that the said Robert A. Pringle, the Member whose election and return were complained of by the said Petition, was duly elected and returned, and Counsel for the Respondent consenting thereto, we dismissed the said Petition without costs.

In the said Petition charges were made that corrupt practices had been committed at the said Election, but no evidence whatever having been given at the said trial, we report that no corrupt practice was proven before us to have been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of either of the Candidates at the said Election.

2. We have no means of forming a belief whether corrupt practices have or have not extensively prevailed at the said Election.

3. We have no reason to believe that the inquiry into the circumstances of the Election has been rendered incomplete by the action of any of the parties to the said Petition, or that further inquiry as to whether corrupt practices have extensively prevailed is desirable.

J. A. BOYD, *C.*

W. G. FALCONBRIDGE, *C.J.K.B.*

Given at Osgoode Hall, this 30th day of September, 1901.