

And the same were read as follow:—

LEVIS CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

*In the Election Court.*

(The Controverted Elections Act, 1873.)

CANADA,  
Province of Quebec, the Quebec Division. }

The Election Petition of the Electoral District of Lévis.

JULIEN CHABOT,

*Petitioner.*

AND

LOUIS HONORÉ FRÉCHETTE,

*Respondent.*

To the Honorable Timothy Warren Anglin,  
Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada:—

I have the honor to report, that a Petition complaining of the undue Election and return of *Louis Honoré Fréchette*, Esquire, as a Member of the House of Commons of Canada, for the Electoral Division of Lévis, in the Province of Quebec, having been presented by *Julien Chabot*, Esquire, a Candidate at the said Election, on the ground of want of property qualification in the sitting Member, and also, of corrupt practices by him at the said Election, such proceedings were had thereupon, that on the twenty-second day of April last, the Election Court for the Quebec Division ordered that the said Petition should be tried before me in the Town of Lévis, on the twelfth day of May following, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon.

That at the place and time prescribed, I proceeded with the trial of the said Petition, and sat from day to day until the thirtieth day of May, when the Petitioner moved with the consent of the Respondent, that the Petition be finally heard on its merits on the twelfth day of June following.

That on the twelfth day of June, I heard on its merits the said Petition. That in the exercise of the power conferred by the 23rd Section of the Controverted Elections Act, 1873, I submitted for the consideration and determination of the Election Court a question of law arising on the property qualification of the Respondent.

That on the third day of July the Election Court rendered its decision on the question submitted.

On the ninth day of July, instant, I finally disposed of the said Petition, by the following decision:—“*Having heard the parties by their Counsel, and maturely weighed the Petition, and the evidence adduced in support thereof, and upon the whole maturely deliberated, I do hereby determine that the Petitioner has failed to prove the allegations of his Petition, and that the sitting Member was duly returned. I do condemn the Petitioner to pay the costs of the said Petition, the trial, and the other proceedings therein.*”

Which decision, with a copy of the notes of evidence, and of the essential proceedings before the Election Court, I have the honor to certify, in pursuance of the 19th Section of the Controverted Elections Act, to avail as to law and justice shall appertain.

I allowed the delay granted for going into revision to elapse before transmitting this Certificate.

The whole respectfully submitted,

A. STUART,

E. J.

Quebec, 20th July, 1874.