

held?—On the morning of the 23d March, between ten and eleven o'clock, almost all the windows and doors of several of the houses where Mr. Leslie's Electors had lodged, were broken and destroyed.

23. Had any of the Inhabitants of the Village abandoned their houses?—I believe that on the night of the 23d March, about seven or eight families left their houses on hearing that a great body of men was coming from Montreal, such as the Doric Club, &c.

24. Had you any conversation, previous to the Election, with any public Officer respecting violence apprehended at the Election, and did you make any other application for assistance other than you have mentioned?—Yes; I applied to Mr. Coffin for five or six Policemen to help me to keep order at the place of Election at St. Laurent. He told me that such a thing could not be granted, as the number of Policemen in Montreal was too small, and that they could not be allowed to leave the town. I asked for two of the Rural Police of St. Martin. He told me that they could not leave their post at St. Martin to come to the Election at St. Laurent. I made the same request to Mr. Ogden the then Attorney General, and asked his advice as to my conduct in case of troubles occurring at the Election. He positively refused to give me any advice, telling me that he had no right to do so.

25. Was there any deposition put in your hands previous to or during the Election, or public declaration made by any person or persons, of proceeding to the Election with arms for the purpose of violence?—Yes, I have given in, with the papers annexed to my statement, the deposition of Mr. Henry Starnes, of Montreal.

26. Did you communicate that deposition to any person in authority?—I did not.

27. Were you under any apprehensions of danger to your own life at any time during the Election?—I think that had I not left on the second day, I would have been killed, as if I were one of Mr. Leslie's party.

28. Was there a public rumour in the City of Montreal, previous to the Election, that there would be a resort to violence at the Election, and did that influence you in applying for the assistance of the Police?—There was a rumour of that sort in the City, and it was in consequence thereof that I applied for the assistance of the Police.

29. Who is this Captain Roy or Gabriel Roy, to whom you have referred in your evidence; where does he reside now, and what is his rank and station?—He is a rich proprietor of St. Laurent, and is the person who was made a Legislative Councillor since the Election of 1841.

30. Are you acquainted with Mr. Nicolas Fullam, and did you observe that he took any active part in the Election other than what you have mentioned?—I only saw Mr. Fullam on the second day of the Election. I had not seen him before. I was told that he was a Government agent, who was employed to get the Government Members returned for Parliament. I was convinced from his conduct in the Poll room that he was greatly in favor of Mr. Delisle, as he wanted me to return him before the hour had expired.

31. Do you know where he resided at Montreal, or what were his connections in this country?—I know nothing at all of this.

32. Who appeared to be the leaders of the persons who were armed with sticks, and who committed the riots and excesses of which you have spoken as having occurred at the Election on Tuesday?—Messieurs Robert Weir, Aaron Hart, Gabriel Roy, Stanley Bagg, Somerville, Driscoll, and Drs. Arnoldi, Senior and Junior, who are already mentioned in the paper I have handed in. I saw a Mr. Ferrie there, but I do not think that he took a very active part in the Election.

33. Were any of these apparent leaders in the Commission of the Peace, and name them?—Messieurs Molson, Gabriel Roy, and Somerville were Justices of the Peace. I am not sure if Mr. Driscoll was one. Dr. Arnoldi, Senior, is a Magistrate also.

34. Previously to the Election, did you anticipate any resort to violence by the supporters of either or both of the Candidates; if you did, what was your reason for so doing?—I knew that assemblies had been held in Montreal to support the Election of Mr. Delisle; and that it was decided that if Mr. Delisle had not a majority of votes, the Election would be carried by violence. I was told so by some persons who had attended these assemblies.

35. Mr. Leslie, who was a Candidate at the last Election for the County of Montreal, is he the member now representing the County of Verchères?—I believe he is.

36. Did Mr. Leslie, at any time, occupy a seat in the Legislature of Lower Canada; if so, how long did he hold such seat; and if such seat were in the House of Assembly, state the County, City, Town, or Borough which Mr. Leslie represented?—I believe Mr. Leslie had once been returned, either for the Eastern or the Western quarter of Montreal.

37. Do you know if Mr. Delisle ever represented a constituency in Lower Canada prior to the Union; if so, state the constituency?—He had never been elected before.

38. Did Mr. Delisle, at the time of the last Election, hold any office; and if so, state what office under the Government?—Mr. Delisle was then Clerk of the Crown, and joint Clerk of the Peace for the District of Montreal.

39. Of what description of persons is the majority of the constituency in the County of Montreal composed; and of what national origin?—The majority of the Electors of the County of Montreal are Canadians of French origin.

40. Have you ever been present at any conversation at which any member elected to serve in the present Parliament said anything in relation to the expenses attending any Election or Elections, or at which anything was said in the hearing of such member upon the said subject?—I do not remember any conversation with any member on the subject. I know that one day when I was present at the Police Office, a brother of Mr. Delisle, who was in the office, had in his hand a cheque (the amount of which I do not recollect.) He remarked at the time that it was a pretty sum, and would do to pay the expenses of his brother Alexandre's Election.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1843.

*Drummond Buchanan*, Esquire, called in; and examined:

1. Will you state your name, residence, and additions?—*Drummond Buchanan*, of Ste. Thérèse, Registrar for the Inferior District of Terrebonne.