

Your Committee have considered the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Welland Railroad Company, of *Canada*, and have made several amendments, which they submit for the adoption of your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also considered the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Massawippi Valley Railway Company*, and have agreed to report the same, without amendment.

Mr. *Street*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Essex*, presented to the House the Final Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

1st. *Resolved*, That *Arthur Rankin*, Esquire, has a majority of legal votes, and ought to have been returned as Member for the County of *Essex*.

2nd. *Resolved*, That *Arthur Rankin*, Esquire, was duly elected to represent the said County of *Essex*, at the last Election:

3rd. *Resolved*, That the facts connected with the last Election and Return for the County of *Essex*, especially the conduct of *John McEwan*, the Returning Officer for the said County; as also of *James Eugene Maguire*, the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Anderdon*; as also of *William Kelly*, the Poll Clerk in said Township of *Anderdon*, are such as demand the serious consideration of the House.

The Committee also report the questions on which their determination is founded, and their manner of voting on such questions.

On the vote of *Charles Maloney*,

Mr. *Bellerose* moved, seconded by Mr. *Street*,—That the vote of *Charles Maloney*, as it appears on the Poll Book, taken in connection with the evidence received and reported by the Returning Officer with reference to the same, is not, under the law, *ipso facto* null and void.

The Honorable Mr. *Laframboise* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Rymal*,—That inasmuch as the vote of *Charles Maloney* shews no alteration, injury, obliteration, or addition, the Returning Officer exceeded his jurisdiction in taking evidence in the matter; that this Committee ought not to receive such evidence, and that therefore, inasmuch as after the name of *Charles Maloney*, entered in the Poll Book for the Township of *Anderdon*, the words "Refused to swear" are entered in the said Poll Book, after the said name, the vote of the said *Charles Maloney*, so taken and recorded, is *ipso facto* null and void.

YEAS:

Hon. Mr. *Turcotte*,
Hon. Mr. *Laframboise*,
Mr. *Rymal*.

NAYS:

Mr. *Street*,
Mr. *Bellerose*.

So the amendment was carried.

On the vote of *Joseph Reneau*,

The Committee unanimously *Resolved*, That inasmuch as after the name of *Joseph Reneau*, entered in the Poll Book for the Township of *Anderdon*, the words "Refused to swear" are entered in the said Poll Book, after the said name, the vote of the said *Joseph Reneau* is *ipso facto* null and void.—Messrs. *Street* and *Bellerose* voted for this resolution, on the further ground that the evidence taken before the Returning Officer corroborates the fact that the said *Joseph Reneau* refused to swear.

The Honorable Mr. *Laframboise* moved, seconded by Mr. *Rymal*,—That the facts connected with the last Election and Return for the County of *Essex*, especially the conduct of *John McEwan*, the Returning Officer for the said County; as also of *James Eugene Maguire*, the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Anderdon*; as also of *William Kelly*, the Poll Clerk in said Township of *Anderdon*, are such as demand the serious consideration of the House.

YEAS:

Mr. *Bellerose*,
Mr. *Rymal*,
Hon. Mr. *Turcotte*, and
Hon. Mr. *Laframboise*.

NAY:

Mr. *Street*.