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EAST NORTHUMBERLAND CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

*In the High Court of Justice for Ontario.*

THE DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT.

Election of a Member for the House of Commons for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Northumberland, holden on the 16th and 23rd days of June, 1896.

Between

ANDREW B. DICKSON,

*Petitioner ;*

and

EDWARD COCHRANE,

*Respondent.*

The undersigned, two of the Justices of the Common Pleas Division of the High Court of Justice for Ontario, do hereby certify that, on the Twenty-seventh day of November, 1896, at the Town of Cobourg, in the County of Northumberland aforesaid, we held a Court for the trial of and there tried the Petition between the said parties respecting the above Election.

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

We therefore found and determined that the said Edward Cochrane, the Member whose Election and Return were complained of by the said Petitioner, was duly elected and returned, and no one appearing for the Respondent, and Counsel for the Petitioner stating that said Respondent consented 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 practices were 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 prevailed extensively at the said Election.

3. We are unable to say whether or not the enquiry into the circumstances of the Election has been rendered incomplete by the action of the parties to the said Petition or whether or not further enquiry as to whether corrupt practices have prevailed extensively is desirable.

4. Appended hereto is a copy of the proceedings at the trial.

Given at Osgoode Hall, this 29th day of December, 1896.

JOHN E. ROSE,

*J.*

HUGH MACMAHON,

*J.*

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