

2. Were you Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois at the last General Election?—I was

3. Where was the Election notified to be held?—At Durham, in Ormstown; I believe on the 19th March, 1841.

4. Do you know where the Elections for the County were formerly held?—At St. Clément, in Beauharnois, and at Huntingdon.

5. By what authority was it held at Ormstown?—By the authority of the Writ.

6. How far is Durham, in Ormstown, back from the St. Lawrence?—About 18 miles by the road.

7. Are the Inhabitants of the Parishes on the St. Lawrence and the Townships in the rear, of different national origins?—Those in the front are of French origin; those in the rear are principally Irish and Scotch, and a few from the United States.

8. What do you suppose is the most numerous?—The English, Irish and Scotch are the most numerous. There are a few Americans.

9. In what part of the Townships is the most numerous population?—Hinchinbrook, Hemmingford, Godmanchester and Dundee.

10. Which are the most populous of the Parishes?—I believe St. Martin, St. Clément and St. Timothée are.

11. Was the Election opened at the time and place notified?—It was. A Poll was demanded and held.

12. Who were the Candidates?—John Wm. Dunscomb and Jacob De Witt, Esquires.

13. Were there any disturbances at or near the place of Election?—There was a great deal of disturbance outside, and a great deal of confusion inside of the Hustings.

14. Have you any knowledge of many strangers to the County having attended at the place of Election?—I saw some strangers there; there were some from the United States.

15. Were there any of them that you recognized?—Mr. Chesley from Cornwall was there.

16. Was Mr. Fullam there?—There was a person of that name there.

17. Who appeared to be the leading active supporters of the several Candidates, and did any of them hold any public Office?—For Mr. Dunscomb, was Mr. John Macdonald, of Chateauguay, then a Justice of the Peace. Messrs. James and Alexander Davidson, John White, two Messrs. Somerville, — Gairdner, Captain of Dragoons, and many others.

18. Did you observe if any persons came armed with offensive weapons of any kind?—Through the windows I saw people armed with clubs.

19. Do you understand the French language?—Very little.

20. Did you at any time before you were appointed Returning Officer, canvass for Mr. Dunscomb, and invite him to become a Candidate?—I called upon him personally, at the request of a meeting,

and invited him to become a Candidate; but I did not take any part in canvassing.

21. You were a Candidate at a former Election?—I was.

22. How long did the Election last, and who was returned?—The Election continued about eight days, and resulted in the return of Mr. De Witt.

23. Did you see any one wearing the uniform of Volunteers at or near the place of Election at the last General Election?—I saw some straggling Volunteers in uniform; there were several Officers and Privates there not in uniform.

24. Did you see any of them with their side arms, or otherwise armed?—I do not recollect having seen any with their side arms.

25. Were there a large number of people lodging in and resorting to a Mill and Miller's house, near the Poll?—There were a great many; I went there only at the close of the Election.

26. How long did the Election hold?—The day upon which the Poll was opened, and the greater part of the following day.

27. Have you any knowledge of any Electors having been obstructed on their way to the Poll, or going from the Poll, in any part of the County, by men armed with offensive weapons?—I have no personal knowledge thereof, but I understood that it was the case. It was pretty notorious that one or two affrays had taken place within a few miles of the Poll.

28. Have you heard of any threats or preparations to resort to force and violence against any portion of the Electors, before or during the Election?—I did not hear of any threats, nor do I know of any preparations to resort to force.

29. Did you, at any time on the second day, adjourn the Poll for a short time, and if so, for what reason?—I did not. There was great confusion, pushing and shoving, so that I threatened to adjourn the Poll if it were not more quiet, and that I would not go on while the confusion lasted. In about five minutes every thing was quiet, and Mr. Dunscomb requested me to continue the polling, but Mr. De Witt wished me to adjourn. Mr. De Witt retired shortly after, and left Mr. Patrick Brennan, of Montreal, to represent him.

30. Did you observe many persons, at or about the Poll, in a state of intoxication, or excited by liquor?—There was a great number.

31. Have you any reason to believe that liquor and provisions were gratuitously distributed?—I have reason to believe so.

32. Can you say where and by whom?—I believe both at the Public House and at the Grist Mill, but more particularly at the latter place; the Miller told me that a great deal of liquor had been drank.

33. Did the Miller state that he had received any money for lodging and treating, and if so, from whom?—He did not tell me that he had.

34. Was there liquor sent to the Mill, and have you understood where it came from and by whom it was sent?—I could only give my opinion on the subject. I understood that carters had brought up the liquor from Montreal.