

Montreal
Election.

Early on that day I received information from the Police, stationed on the line of Canal, that Agents for Mr. *Drummond* had proceeded along the line of Canal, stating to the labourers, (many of whom had returned to their work) among other inflammatory matter, that the "Tories" had burned the Recollect, (an Irish Roman Catholic Church,) and that their comrades had been abused; and were bleeding in the streets, and urging them to proceed to *Montreal* immediately.

A party, amounting to between three and four hundred, many of whom were armed, marched in military array with scouts and flankers, on *Montreal*, augmenting their numbers, as they proceeded; this body made their appearance at the foot of *St. Gill* street, and continued their march in the direction of the polling place, in the *Queen's Ward*, and refusing, on the command of the Magistrates to halt, the Riot Act was read, and the Cavalry directed to disperse the crowd, and assist the Civil Power in the capture of as many as possible: thirty men were arrested and committed to Jail.

Although I believe that the several Deputy Returning Officers found it necessary to require the presence of Troops in the vicinity of their respective polling places, yet they were not called upon to act offensively, except in this instance, and then, I am happy to say, without any loss of life or serious injuries being inflicted.

The same Military protection of property was afforded during the night, on the requisition of the Returning Officer, and was continued until the final close of the election, and the city now remains in a state of apparent tranquillity.

There can be no doubt that riot and bloodshed to a frightful extent, would have ensued, and the election could not have been proceeded in, but for the admirable and humane arrangements of the Returning Officer, and the timely and temperate interference of the Troops.

In proof of the necessity for Military assistance in this contest, I would remark, that Mr. *Drummond* spoke to me a few days previous to the election, on the propriety of commencing polling under Military protection, a measure to which the Returning Officer would not consent until all ordinary means had failed, and in no case was Military aid resorted to until then.

In conclusion, I would remark, that every effort and arrangement was made by Mr. *Young*, the Returning Officer, to ensure the preservation of order, and the free access of voters to the Polls, which he succeeded in effecting without the loss of a single life, under peculiar circumstances, and a want of co-operation from the Municipal authorities, which rendered his duty most arduous, and which, I have no doubt, he will find it necessary to bring to the notice of the Governor General.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. WETHERALL, J. P.
Stipendiary Magistrate
in charge of Public Works.

Hon. D. DALY,
Provincial Secretary,
Montreal.

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty copies of the foregoing Messages, and of the documents accompanying the same, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Post Office.

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, copies of the last four quarterly returns, made by the Deputy Post Master General in *England*, or a detailed statement, shewing the Receipts and Expenditures of the Post Office Department in this Province, for the same period.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix I.)

Also,

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, as soon as possible, detailed Accounts of all moneys received and expended by the Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike roads*, under the authority of the Ordinance to provide for the improvement of the Roads in the neighbourhood of and leading to the city of *Quebec*, and to raise a fund for that purpose; and also detailed reports of all the doings of the said Trustees under the said authority, from and since the date of the Reports and Accounts laid, on that subject, before the House, in the last Session of the last Parliament.

(For the documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix X.)

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, to which was referred the Bill to incorporate *Le Petit Séminaire de St. Thérèse de Blainville*, in the district of *Montreal*, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate *Le Petit Séminaire de Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, in the District of *Montreal*, and have agreed to recommend the following amendments thereto:—

Page 1, line 4.—Expunge "Rector," and insert "Curé."

" 1, " 19.—After "be," insert "in the possession of the present proprietor thereof."

" 1, " 34.—After "1stly," expunge to "2dly," and insert "The Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*."

" 1, " 39.—After "3dly," expunge to "And" in page two, line nine, and insert "of the Curé of the said Parish of *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*; 4thly, of all Members who may be regularly admitted (*aggrégés*) into the said Corporation, provided the number should not exceed thirty."

After the first Clause, insert Clause A:—Provided always, and be it enacted, That all the property which shall at any time belong to the said Corporation, as well as the Revenue thereof, shall at all times be exclusively applied and appropriated to the advancement of Education in the said *Petit Séminaire*, and to no other object, institution or establishment, whatsoever."

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. *Ermatinger*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *H. B. Bostwick*, of the village of *Port Stanley*, in the district of *London*; and the Petition of *A. McKinnon*, and *William F. Wallace*, on behalf of the inhabitants of *Bayham* and the adjoining townships, in the district of *London*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the contents of the Petition of *Henry R. Bostwick*, and are of opinion that the Harbour Tolls, leviable at *Port Stanley*, are immoderately high; and beg leave to recommend that they be reduced to the following scale:—

Port Stanley
Harbour dues.