

to sell it to another brother-in-law (Judge Sherwood) for a fraction of what it was worth. Needless to say the story was much exaggerated. There was absolutely nothing to show that Judge Sherwood had acted in collusion with Boulton, or that Boulton had purposely done anything with the intent of hiding the proceedings from Randall.

In the summer of 1828 the elections took place and William Lyon Mackenzie was elected a member of the Assembly. In his first session in 1829 he and Dr. Baldwin introduced the Bill of the previous session, but instead of naming Judge Willis, who by this time had been dismissed, they petitioned for the appointment of Louis Joseph Papineau, the Speaker of the Lower Canada Assembly, as the Commissioner to make the enquiry. If the previous bill had savored of politics, this one clearly was introduced for political purposes. Papineau as the leader of the French Reformers in the Lower Province, had for years kept his Province in a ferment against the English governing party and was in 1837 to fan the flame of discontent into open rebellion. There was not the slightest possibility that Boulton's Tory friends in the Upper House would permit such a bill to become law. The Bill passed the Lower House practically unanimously, 31 yeas and 2 nays. The Legislative Council refused either to amend or pass the bill. They simply threw it out assigning no reasons.

Apparently the Upper House had no personal feeling against Randall, in twice nullifying the efforts made to furnish him relief for in the following session (1830) in

"An Act to grant a further loan to the Welland Canal Company and to regulate their further operations"

the Assembly appointed Robert Randall a Commissioner to examine the canal and report for the information of the Legislature on the condition of certain features of this great undertaking, at the same time providing that Randall was to be remunerated for his services. This Bill passed the Upper House and Randall made two very complete and exhaustive reports on the subject. He was subsequently made a Director of the Welland Canal Company.

In 1829 John Beverley Robinson not displeased to be rid of the turmoil of political life was appointed Chief Justice of