

My conclusion as to which version is the more credible will be stated later.

Certain it is, that on the following morning, when the Inspectors called upon Mr. Whitelaw, at about 7 o'clock, he stated to them that he was prepared to inform Dr. Warden that the matter was all right, and that the money would be forwarded. Mr. Bolduc replied that that would not be sufficient; that their business was to investigate the matter as one affecting the Post Office Department; and that they must know positively whether all charges against the Department were withdrawn or not. After some hesitation, Mr. Whitelaw decided to make a declaration, and made it in the statutory form. It is the exhibit No. 15. It is a formal withdrawal, voluntarily made, of all charges against the Department.

In testifying, Mr. Whitelaw would rather convey the impression that its exact purport was not fully considered by him; but that he signed whatever was dictated by the Inspectors. This, however, is certainly not frank. The declaration speaks for itself; and the evidence of Messrs. Bolduc and Green establishes that its exact purport was discussed. Their evidence is fully confirmed by the fact that Mr. Whitelaw received a copy of it at the time, prepared for him at his own house by Mr. Bolduc. This copy is also filed, taken from Mr. Whitelaw's possession. It is the exhibit No. 42.

This took place on the morning of the 28th. The Inspectors then left, and called at the Post Office to apologize to Mr. Kinnear and his family for their having made charges injuriously affecting him. They were followed almost immediately by Mr. Whitelaw, who, finding that the Inspectors were in the Post Office, went into the house, and had Mr. Kinnear sent for. His action at that time was such as to leave the impression that the object of his following was, if possible, to prevent communication between the Inspectors and Mr. Kinnear. The Inspectors returned to Quebec. Mr. Whitelaw communicated with Dr. Warden by letter of December 28th. It is the exhibit No. 17 of the record.

"Kinnear's Mills, 28/12/99.

"Dear Dr. Warden,—

"The P. O. Inspector has been here twice looking up the matter of my letter to you. Let me say that the matter has been adjusted, and I am pleased to say that our Treasurer will be in a position to remit with the congregations' contributions. It has caused me much anxiety. I hope to meet you sometime, and give you all the information of which I am possessed in the premises.

Very truly yours,

J. M. WHITELOW."

January 1st, 1900.

Inasmuch as on the morning of the 28th of December, when Mr. Whitelaw withdrew all charges against the Post Office Depart-