

2nd Complaint—It regards the squatters' houses purchased at Gibson by the Government, and occupied by a certain number of Indians from Oka :

"And with regard to 15 squatters' houses which are occupied by some of the Indian families, only four are equal to those contracted to be erected by the Seminary, and the remaining 11 are described as mere shanties." (Same letter.)

Mr. Vankoughnet pretends that the Seminary is at fault, and concludes his letter thus :—

"I shall be glad to be advised by you as to what steps the Seminary proposes to take in order to remedy matters in respect to the residences of these Indians, with a view to the fulfilment of the agreement entered into by their Agent with the Government, and confirmed by order of His Excellency in Council."

We might answer, in a general way, that the Indians having, as shown above, declared themselves satisfied, and the Seminary having more than fulfilled its engagements in their regard, these two complaints of Mr. Vankoughnet should be considered null and void. We shall, however, try to answer them successively.

Reply to First Complaint.

This complaint is based upon a misunderstanding of Article V. of the Order-in-Council of Sep. 27, 1881, which runs thus :—

"5th. The Seminary shall erect substantial log-houses, 18 by 24 feet, on each 100 acres for each family, divided into two rooms, with a loft above, and a stair, and a window and door to each room."