

of *certain* very "loyal" men at that place, I have never heard your name coupled with any impropriety. I have understood that you fought manfully and nothing more.

(*Translation*)

EVIDENCE OF MR. L. FRÉCHETTE.

In eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, I was arrested at St. John's and sent as a rebel, under an escort of armed volunteers, to the Montreal gaol. On board the steamer crossing from Laprairie, an English gentleman, who was unknown to me, seeing the state of affliction I was in, asked me what the matter was, and what he could do for me. I told him I was so unfortunate as to be a prisoner charged with high treason, threatened with trial by Court Martial and with banishment. I begged of him to go to Colonel Guty and state this to him. I must say that I had never then seen the Colonel. I had never had anything to do with him and knew him merely by reputation. He had been represented to me as a kind hearted and compassionate man. This was all I knew of him, and without knowing the reason why, I thought he would interest himself in my behalf, although I was a stranger to him. These were the reasons why I applied to him: and I could not do otherwise, my countrymen, and my friends in particular, being on the same side as myself, they could be of no use to me.

The strange gentleman did not forget me, and I was hardly lodged in gaol when Colonel Guty came to me. After making a patient enquiry into my case, he ordered the gaoler to release me. I was thus returned to my family, but what was my despair when I was arrested a second time and sent to Montreal charged with high treason. The armed volunteers, who were keeping guard over me, appeared to take a brutal pleasure in frightening me, and talked in a free and easy way of shooting me. Being again shut up in the Montreal goal, I did not delay in making my situation known to Colonel Guty. He came to the gaol a second time, and soon became satisfied that I was persecuted by personal enemies. My sufferings produced upon him the effect which I expected, and as he was, at the time, entrusted with great power, he caused my prison doors to be opened a second time. On this