

and as the affair admits of no delay, will you have the kindness to refer it to some one who is posted and can give his opinion as soon as possible. I shall be happy to give him all the information required.

I have the honor to be your obdt. servt.

(Signed) H. GOWEN.

Mr. Garneau referred this letter to Mr. Philippe Huot agent of the Jesuit Estate. The following is his reply:—

QUEBEC, Jan. 25, 1878.

To the Hon. P. GARNEAU,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SIR,—Relating to the request of H. Gowen, Esq., offering eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the whole claim due the Government on the Notre Dame des Anges farm, I have the honor to report that this farm was sold to Chas. Smith, by letters patent dated June 24, 1823, for the sum of.....\$ 8,800 00

The tenure of this farm was commuted by T.R. Smith, the 7th October, 1854 for the sum of..... 861 66

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That the arrears at present amount to..... 6,371 99

I therefore think that the offer of Mr. H. Gowen should be refused; he should certainly pay all the capital and part of the arrears.

I think that under the circumstances, if Mr. Gowen offered to pay eleven or twelve thousand dollars it would be to the benefit of the Government to accept it.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very humble servant,

P. HUOT.

Agent J. E.

Mr. Gowen well knowing the value of the property, pressed the matter, and on February 5th, 1878 wrote to Mr. Garneau, still urging him to accept his offer which was again refused, as being far below its value.

Mr. Joly, the brother-in-law of Mr. Gowen became the head of the Government. Then the assault recommenced, and on the 15th of May, 1879, Mr. Gowen obtained the fine gift of twelve thousand dollars at the expense of the Province.

To make the public fully acquainted with the huge fraud which the Cabinet have instituted in favor of relations and friends of ministers, let them read the following:—

On the 13th February, 1879, Mr. Meville Dechene, advocate of Quebec, wrote to Mr. Langelier, Commissioner of Crown Lands, in the name of Mr. Bickell a letter in which he stated "Mr. Bickell desired, if it were possible to come to terms with the Government of this Province to settle this matter. Mr. Bickell would be inclined to pay and offered to pay to the Government the sum of \$4,500 for the claim, and this immediately, under condition that the Government would grant him a receipt for all claims whatever which might be against the property, capital and interest."

What was the reply of Mr. Langelier? He referred the question to Mr. Philippe Huot, who on the 17th February, 1879 made the following report.

QUEBEC, Feb. 17, 1879.

To the Hon. FRS. LANGELIER,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SIR,—Respecting the offer of four thousand five hundred dollars made by Mr. G. Meville Dechene for Mr. W. J. Bickell, in his letter of the 13th inst., which was referred to me to report on, in payment of all the claims which the government had on Notre Dame des Anges farm. I have the honor to report that this offer does not cover EVEN THE HALF OF THE CAPITAL OF A SINGLE CLAIM OF THE CROWN on this property and that Mr. Gowen having in January 1875 offered eight thousand dollars for the same purpose, and having since expressed his intention of paying TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS if the government would accept them which offer is yet open, I CANNOT SEE HOW THE GOVERNMENT COULD ENTERTAIN THE OFFER OF MR. BICKELL FOR A MOMENT. Besides, the property in question is worth twice the amount offered even in these hard times of general depression.

Thus for these reasons alone without speaking of many others which it is useless to enumerate I think the offer of Mr. Bickell should be refused. The whole humbly submitted.

(Signed)

P. HUOT,

Agent J.E.

On this report of Mr. Huot, Mr. Langelier wrote to Mr. Dechene the interesting letter which we place before our readers:—

DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

QUEBEC, 27th Feb., 1879.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., in which you offer on the part of Mr. Bickell a sum of four thousand