

some additional facts which may tend to show you that the forces employed to keep you out of the country are yet actively in existence, although Riel, their tool and agent, has been forced to flee. To tell you the truth, sir, I have learned the bitter lesson that rebellion and disloyalty is likely to be rewarded, while those who remained staunch to the Queen are likely to be overlooked and considered fools for their pains. You must excuse me if I feel indignant and express that indignation. I am a British subject and a soldier, and have served Her Majesty in various regiments in India, in England, in Ireland and Scotland, from the age of eighteen years, till my hair has grown grey, after twenty-four years of service, and I am proud to refer yourself, sir, or any else, to the records in the office of the Secretary of War, as to my character.

I am a Roman Catholic, and can speak without religious bias in this matter, and I tell you, sir, that the detailed statement which I made to you, in a former letter, is true, and that I am prepared to furnish proofs. The presence of this force here, which is much against the will of Bishop Tache, prevents the possibility of armed opposition, and their dodge now is, if possible, to quiet matters, and by getting the ears of the present Government to influence them against every loyal man in this country.

They have already commenced this course, and I will give you the following instance :—I have been Chief of the Police in this town of Winnipeg for the past four years, and yet, when, after imprisonment for three months, and when forced to flee to the other side of the line to save my life, I return here, after the arrival of the 60th Rifles, to resume my services, I find myself set aside, and a man named Rickards, whom I have proved to be a rank rebel, and to have instructed Riel's men in the use of the big guns, is put in my place, and is this moment on duty, and I am discarded.

Now, sir, for what ? Because, in daring to be loyal, I conflicted with the interests of the Hudson Bay Company and Bishop Tache. Had I chosen the other course, all would have been smooth, I could have got a leading position in the Rebel Government, and could have fattened myself on the spoils robbed from honest and loyal men. But no, I will remain true to the Queen to the end, and if the present Governor is so hampered by promises to Cartier and others in Canada, that he dare