punish it; while at the same time, I should thank the hon, member for Marquette for the information that led thereto.

But, in the meantime, in the face of these infamous telegrams, I would again respectfully suggest that he be called upon to come to the point and specify his charges or withdraw them.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. J. DAWSON.

James Young, Esq., M.P., Chairman, Committee of Public Accounts, &c., &c., &c.

(By Telegraph.)

"MANITOBAN EXTRA.—SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 1874.

OTTAWA, May 1st.

The North-West Committee is still sitting. Tache has asserted that Macdonald sent a cheque for one thousand dollars to Riel at the time of Cartier's election. Macdonald denies authorizing Smith to pay the three thousand dollars. The Committee will probably not report before the adjournment of the session. Bannatyne, Bown and Spence are awaiting examination. They may have to wait some time.

The Dawson Road Committee is sitting. Buchanan has been examined, and Dawson is now under examination. The Hudson's Bay Company people deny some of Dawson's statements. Witnesses are not to be found. Forgery and perjury are evident. McKay, Lonsdale and McTavish will probably be summoned.

Sir John A. Macdonald denied to-day having promised an amnesty.

The Ministry have backed down on their budget."

(Special to the Witness.)

"FROM OTTAWA.

CONTRACTS FOR PAPER.

OTTAWA, May 11th.—A number of gentlemen are in town from Montreal on business connected with the giving out of Government contracts for supplying paper for Government printing.

MONTREAL POST OFFICE.

Recent developments in connection with the Montreal Post-Office have aroused a strong desire that a thorough investigation should be made into the working of the Post-Office department under the late Government.

MONTREAL CUSTOM HOUSE.

R. S. M. Bouchette's report, reflecting on Mr. Barry's management of the Montreal Custom House, and saying that Barry should have been dismissed long ago, has given rise to counteraction on the part of Mr. Barry, who has produced letters of recommendation from Mr. Bouchette to increase the salary of Mr. Barry for his efficient services. This conflict will probably result in an investigation.