

In a subsequent number of the *Mail* (March 30, 1885) the following report is given of what took place when I announced to the House the decision of the Government :

" Hon. Mr. Mowat said that the item of supply for the Central Prison had stood in order that information might be furnished the member for London as to the truth of certain charges or rumours. The Government had come to the conclusion that there was no foundation for the charges. At the same time they had decided it to be expedient that the charges should be investigated, and a thorough investigation would be made by one of the judges ; Warden Massie was anxious to have such an investigation. Mr. Meredith said that no one would be more pleased than he if the result of the investigation vindicated the Warden from the charges made. He urged that an assurance should be given to those employed within the walls of the prison that they would be held harmless if they gave their evidence openly and without fear. Only upon this understanding would the investigation be of any value. Hon. Mr. Mowat said they would do what was possible to enable the men to speak fearlessly and truthfully."

THE " PERSONNEL " OF THE COMMISSION.

I find that on the subject of the Commission afterwards issued, the *Review* writer has this further story, of somebody's imagining, to tell. He says that "when the Commission was named the priesthood protested against its *personnel*." There was no such protest. In the second of my two interviews with the Archbishop, and before the *personnel* had been decided upon in Council, I mentioned to him my notion of appointing two Commissioners only ; both were Protestants. The Archbishop made no "protest" against the Commission being issued to the two, and them only. On the contrary, he said that he himself would have perfect confidence in a Commission to these gentlemen alone, but he suggested that the Commission would give greater confidence to some of his people, and any report they might make would be more generally acquiesced in, if I should add the name of some Roman Catholic gentleman, anyone I should myself select. The suggestion seemed to me reasonable and wise. On my reporting it to my colleagues they took the same view. We then considered in Council several names, and ultimately Mr. O'Sullivan was selected as being a fair man, a man of ability and good standing, and having personally the confidence of his co-religionists, Conservative and Liberal.

FROM THAT DAY TO THIS

I do not remember having heard a suggestion that the appoint-