

Evening Telegram.

Sir.—On the 26th inst., an article appeared on the front page of the Evening Herald, headed "What's up with Mr. Piccott," with a sub-heading stating that I denied connection with a Commission of which I was formerly Chairman.

In reply to this article, I wish to inform the general public that I made no such statement, and it would appear that Sir P. T. McGrath is laboring under a false impression. I am aware of and distinctly remember the Commission to which he refers in his article of the 26th, and I can inform him that the said Commission was really appointed by recommendation of my own to the Minister then in office, Sir Ed. Morris. The members of the Commission were appointed by the Government of the day, under my auspices. At the time of the appointment of this commission, the members of the House figured largely, and on the Opposition side, on neither cure of fish, and the security of a satisfactory standard for our staple article. Sir P. T. McGrath, it appears, wishes the public to understand that Piccott was the job of Secretary for him, and is absolutely untrue. I did draw the attention of the public to the fact that I was Minister of Marine and Fisheries at the time, and that of that office I was appointed Chairman of the Fisheries Commission, and not its Secretary. I never intended a dissenting word against the appointment of Sir P. T. McGrath to the position of Secretary of the Fisheries Commission. I had no reason to do so. As he states, the Commission met several times, and at the request of its work submitted its reports on the seal fishery, herring, lobster and other fisheries. He reminds him that I personally asked Captain Abram Kean and asked for a report on the seal fishery, and that I gave him his opinion as to the probable number of seals, and any other information for the benefit of that Commission. His report was submitted at my request, and published in the Journal of the House of Assembly in 1915.

There really would be something rather wrong with me if I had forgotten that I was a member of that Commission in which I took a very great interest, and of which I was Chairman. I made no objection whatever to Sir Patrick McGrath being raised to the position of Secretary of this Commission, nor as to the amount he was to receive for said services; nor did I ask any question about it in the House of Assembly. Mr. Currie was the gentleman who first asked a question relating to the payment made Sir P. T. McGrath, and I can assure that the public accounts showed as having been paid him, that Mr. Currie had resumed his duties. I asked Sir M. P. Cashin if there was not another six hundred dollars to the commission, to which he replied that he did not know. Now I wish it to be distinctly understood that the Commission of which I was Chairman, and to which Sir Patrick refers in his article of the 26th, was one appointed in the form of a joint Committee of both branches of the Legislature, and being unable to complete the work before the session closed, the Government composing it were appointed a Commission under the

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