

the Supreme Court, or other thoroughly disinterested and qualified person, shall take the evidence and investigate all complaints, and thereby do justice to the people of the penitentiary, and if they are not guilty of what they are charged with they will be exonerated; if guilty, they should be punished, and the public will be satisfied. Anything short of that, in my opinion, will not give satisfaction."

These are the words. There are no charges there; only giving notice to the Government that there are irregularities according to rumor, and that the Government ought to see to it. That is no charge. That, Honorable gentlemen, has been met with in the way I have just described. These expressions of the inspector are, to say the least, impolite and the language is such that, although it is directed against the member from New Westminster personally, it is an insult to the Senate, as a body. These words cowardly and dastardly are not words that should find a place in this departmental Report. This is a serious offence in comparison with that of the same gentleman three years ago when I was the victim, and under what circumstances? They were inoffensive as compared to this. This is a public report which, by law, the Minister of Justice is bound to submit to Parliament to be sent broadcast over the Country, while in my case it was no report, it was no book. It had no signature. It was intitled a supplementary report. That was a lie. It was a return to six addresses of mine, asking for papers respecting the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, and these returns were not made in the usual form, but copies of them were placed in a Blue Book, without any responsible signature to them either of the Inspector or Minister of Justice, and put before the House. So that the offence, even if it had been in the same words, would have been trifling compared with this one which appears in a public document that is to go to the country on the responsibility of the Minister of Justice and of Parliament. If the public are to understand that members of Parliament have no right to criticise the Government officials, or to see that the administration of public departments is to be properly carried on, what is the use of a Parliament, and where is the necessity for the great expenditure made by Parliament? If the Senate is of any use, then the Government of the day ought to be jealous of the privileges of this House, and of the protection and honor of both Houses, and I have no

doubt in this instance the Government will do their duty. It may be said that in the first part of the report the member from New Westminster is not named, but the next sentence is: "I have written to that person." What person? That coward? It makes a direct attack on some person, and that person is the member from New Westminster, and it is also an attack on this House. To prove that the attack was on the hon. gentleman, the moment that report was circulated the *Toronto Mail* published the following comment on it:

SHARP EXTRACT FROM MR. MOYLAN'S PENITENTIARY REPORT.

He refutes charges of mismanagement in the British Columbia penitentiary. Strained relations between the Inspector and Senator McInnes—The vacant Ottawa seat—Pressure from the lumbermen—Coming Equal Rights meeting.

"From our Own Correspondent.

"OTTAWA, April 6th.—Every one is familiar with the severe frugidity which existed so long, and which probably still exists, between Senator Bellerose and Mr. J. G. Moylan, Inspector of penitentiaries. This arose over the administration of the affairs of St. Vincent de Paul. Now the able inspector is evidently foul of another member of the House of Lords. Last session, Senator McInnes, of New Westminster, B.C., stated that there were a great many irregularities in connection with the management of the British Columbia penitentiary. In regard to this, Inspector Moylan in his annual report says:—

"A fly sheet printed in Washington Territory, containing the vilest slanders and most bare-faced falsehoods against the administration of this penitentiary and some of its most deserving officers, was put in circulation in Victoria about twelve Months ago. The production was the work of two of the most depraved and hardened criminals that have ever cursed with their presence any penitentiary in the Dominion. It was one of them who, coming across from Seattle, distributed in a few hours the untruthful and libellous publication, and made his escape to American territory before his arrest could be effected. Certain individuals, who were either very credulous or very unfriendly disposed towards the administration of the penitentiary, made grave charges, alleging that serious abuses and irregularities existed. These charges were of the vaguest nature, nothing definite being mentioned, and they were advanced in a manner which everyone who appreciates fair play and manliness must stigmatize as dastardly. He is a veritable coward that makes accusations against men who, by reason of their position, are helpless to defend themselves, and who has not the moral courage or the proper sense of justice to formulate his charges, in view of affording an opportunity to the victims of his malevolence to have the truth or the falsity of the allegations duly tested. This is a general proposition without any particular application.

"This is a pretty plain notice to Senator McInnes that if the cap fits he can put it on. The inspector, after noticing the Senator's remarks, says 'I addressed a letter to that person.' It will be remembered that Senator McInnes has a notice on the order paper asking why a certain guard in the penitentiary had been dismissed. This has probably some connection with the strained relations that evidently exist between the Senator and the inspector. Although nobody came forward with any charges, Inspector Moylan