

to break up the meeting. In order to accomplish their purpose, they rang the bells of the church and adjoining school house, and raised the cry of fire. Their efforts to disturb the meeting, and to put down the speaker, continued till its close; and after it was over they violently assaulted Messrs. Chiniquy and Goodfellow as they left the church, so that they were compelled to take refuge by the way to the manse in order to save their lives. The house into which they fled was besieged for hours. Stones were thrown into it, and fierce threats were made by the infuriated mob, that they would break in and drag out the objects of their displeasure. Providentially they were prevented from doing so. Some time before daylight, the crowd had scattered sufficiently to allow Mr. Goodfellow to reach his home, and in the morning Mr. Chiniquy, though really unfit for the journey, returned by coach to New Glasgow.

Next night the mob re-assembled in force, and after marching through the streets of the town with demonstrations of joy, carrying the effigies of Messrs. Chiniquy and Goodfellow, they publicly burnt them at the door of the Presbyterian Church.

Intelligence of the riot soon spread throughout the country and awakened intense indignation among Protestants. The Presbytery of Pictou, of which Rev. Mr. Goodfellow is a member, and to which the congregation of Antigonish belongs, met on the 5th of August, and carefully considered the whole situation. After full deliberation, and considerable discussion, they agreed unanimously to the adoption of the following minute:

"It having appeared that while the Rev. C. Chiniquy was lecturing in the Presbyterian Church at Antigonish, the meeting was disturbed in various ways by Roman Catholics, who finally took possession of the building, and that on the Rev'ds Charles Chiniquy and Peter Goodfellow retiring from the Church, a brutal and murderous attack was made upon them, by which they were both seriously injured, the Presbytery express their deep sympathy with these brethren, under the unprovoked attack made upon them, and their indignation at this gross outrage upon the rights of our ministers and people. The Presbytery feel it their duty to use all means in their power to protect them from all molestation in the exercise of their rights, and appoint a committee to employ such means, by memorial to Government, or otherwise, as they may deem best fitted to secure that end.

The members of the committee are Revs. E. A. McMurdy, Dr. Bayne, John McKinnon, J. F. Forbes, and D. B. Blair. Mr. McMurdy to be Convener.

The Committee were directed to seek the co-operation of brethren of other Protestant denominations, and report to the next meeting of Presbytery."

JOHN MCKINNON,
Clerk.