

Minutes of the Council record the thanks of Council to Messrs. Nolin, Monkman and the soldiers.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT VS. REV. FATHER VÉGREVILLE.

Deposition of Mr. Gabriel Dumont.—Having met Father Végreville half a mile from here, he told me that the Indians were pillaging the goods of Madame Thibault, and that it was you people who were responsible for all that, because you invited the Indians, and that you would be held accountable for it. And on arriving at Duck Lake Madame Thibault came and asked me if I had ordered the Indians to take her hay.

Mr. Michel Dumas corroborates the deposition of Mr. Dumont in every particular.

Mr. Boucher.—It appears that Father Végreville told my son that all the people who had taken up arms in the movement were rebels and would find that it was their damnation, that he could not administer to them in their last moments. And I repeat this as being the most violent language that was uttered. Mr. Brennan, jr., was there, and the father ought to know that he sank down with weakness when hearing this spoken of.

For keeping the Father, Dam. Carrière, G. Dumont, M. Lepine, C. Trottier, D. Ross, P. Henry, Bie. Boucher, M. Ouellette.

Proposed by Maxime Lepine, seconded by J. B. Boucher, if God so wills, if He has so decided in His eternal designs, we desire nothing better than to be His priests and to constitute, if such is His desire and His holy will, the new religious ministry of Jesus Christ. And we at once establish the living catholic apostolic and vital church of the new world. Confident that by doing so we are doing a thing which is pleasant to Him, we adopt for the line of our conduct the three admirable letters from the Archbishop Ignace Bourget to Louis "David" Riel, written on the 13th January, 1874, the 14th July, 1875, and the 2nd January, 1876.

Bélanger vs. Vandale for a Gun.

Mr. Bélanger said he had commenced negotiations to trade a gun for a waggon with Pierre Vandale, and that he was to see the gun, and that if the gun pleased him he would take it, and that when he went to see the gun Vandale was not at home, and he went to see him at the house of his father-in-law, and had taken the gun, and that when the trouble began the nephew of Mr. Bélanger had taken it, and that Mr. Vandale had taken it from him. Mr. Vermette said the same thing. Mr. Vandale said that his gun had not been paid for, that he was to have had the choice of three carts, and that he had only seen two, and that he had not received them. I went to see the carts before he took the gun. He gave me my choice between a cart and a bob-sleigh.

In answer to Mr. Riel—I was wrong in telling him to go and see the gun.

Bélanger cross-examined by Mr. Riel.

Mr. Vermette repeats what he had said before.

Decision of the Council—Mr. Lepine: That the gun belongs to the Bélanger. Mr. Boyer, Mr. Boucher, Mr. Delorme. Mr. Vandale give the gun to Mr. Bélanger, and the Council decides to give the first gun at their disposal to Vandale.

Proposed by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Delorme, that the first gun at our disposal be given to Mr. Vandale.