

visit to the United States, my attention was called to reports of speeches in the Montreal Star and La Patrie, made by Mr. Bourassa, M.P., in which he is reported as having said, that "when, as one of the syndicate, I bought limits at a public sale in June, 1905, I had, before the sale, lunch at the Garrison Club with the Hon. Mr. Turgeon, Minister of Lands, Forests and Fisheries." I never breakfasted, lunch, dined or supped with the Hon. Mr. Turgeon at the Garrison Club, or any other place, then, before, or since.

"(Signed) JOHN BREAKEY."

It is not true that Mr. Breakey has resold the limits at a profit of \$695,000. From information I have obtained, and which I have every reason to believe accurate, the Burgess Sulphide Company have bought, not for \$800,000 nor anything like that amount, but for \$300,000, not only Mr. Breakey's limits, but also the Tuque water power for which \$50,000 had been paid, the land subsidy granted the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway for the Tuque branch, and also a special tariff of rates over the line of that railway for the conveyance of their freight. Where could Mr. Bourassa have got hold of that odious calumny?

DISSEMINATES CALUMNY THROUGHOUT PROVINCE

As to the Mullarkey case, I declare that I have no personal acquaintance with Mr. Mullarkey, and never had any dealings with him in any connection. The rumors to the contrary are malicious lies, and I take this opportunity of so branding them. So is the statement that Mr. Mullarkey's note was accepted without any interest being charged. I have a letter stating that Mr. Mullarkey's note has borne interest at the rate of 6 per cent., and that this interest has been promptly paid when due.

Proceeding, the Minister of Lands and Forests went over a good deal of the ground covered in his speech at St. Michel de Bellechasse, taking up the Prevost-Asselin case, and showing how he had been exonerated by both the Judge and by Mr. Laflamme, only to be reviled by Mr. Bourassa. With intense feeling and eloquent phrase, he discussed the charges of the member for Labelle, and declared that they were one and all to be cast aside, for they were all proved false out of the official records. What more did any one worthy of the name need? Mr. Laflamme had said he was going to Belgium to hunt up evidence against him (Mr. Turgeon). "Mr.

Laflamme can go to Belgium and get all the evidence he can unearth," declared the speaker, "but I defy him to find anywhere a single line that will prove that what I have stated here is not true. I defy him to obtain a single vestige of proof that any of the base, trumped up charges of Mr. Bourassa and his associates are anything else but false. And yet this man flings these odious calumnies at me from every public platform upon which he can get up and obtain a hearing.

He claims to be a Liberal, yet without asking for a word of explanation from me, or seeking for information at its source, he has attacked my honor as a citizen and my reputation as a public man, and has disseminated this calumny throughout the Province. I denied it, and I now bring forward documentary evidence to disprove it; and if Mr. Bourassa thinks to escape my legitimate indignation by remaining silent or by indulging in fresh insults, he is very much in error.

I have been patient for some months and can still remain so, but I am also persevering, and I will protect the only thing that remains to me after having been a Minister for ten years—the honor of my name and the integrity of my reputation. Reputation is a very hard thing to defend at the present time. An irresponsible newspaper in Montreal, edited by men of straw, has pushed its boldness so far as to accuse me of perjury. The charge is frivolous on its very face, and there is not a shadow of justification for it. It has been repeated in five consecutive issues of the paper. I took an action for damages at the beginning of August, and now, after six weeks, it has not even filed its plea; every means has been taken to delay the progress and trial of the suit. Meanwhile Mr. Bourassa is cracking jokes respecting the comparatively small amount of damages claimed. But I am not so simple as to strive to get money of Le Nationaliste, and the writer who has written under the fictitious name of Pierre Beaudry, has not been manly enough to remove his mask. I do not want money, but what I do want, and what I will have, in spite of the lawyer's skill, is a judicial inquiry, for that is the only way to obtain enlightenment and rehabilitation, as well as the branding of Le Nationaliste and its prompters.

One of the things which Mr. Bourassa deploras with the greatest oratorical efforts, is stagnation in colonization, but fortunately he has discovered the root of the evil and has indicated the remedy. What are the causes of such stagnation, which after all exists only