

difficulty which he encountered of procuring lumber to finish the houses, he was obliged to suspend the work, and made, in the presence, and with the assent of the Government Agent, Mr. John McGirr, an arrangement with the Indians, specifying the obligations of the Seminary and those of the Indians, and in virtue of this agreement all the houses were to be finished by the Indians themselves in the course of the winter. Mr. Choquet in this second journey spent \$982.00, in the hope of giving full satisfaction to the Indians.

New complaints having reached the Seminary towards the beginning of the summer of 1883, the Superior of the Seminary, wishing to effectively put an end to all further demands, sent to the Gibson Reserve, on the 17th August, 1883, Rev. William Leclair, priest of St. Sulpice, Director of the Oka Mission, with Mr. Choquet Agent of the Seminary for the Indians, and Mr. George Dûcharme, builder, with strict orders to satisfy all reasonable demands made by the Indians, and not to come back to Montreal till a complete settlement of all that concerned the building of the houses had been effected. In the Report made by these gentlemen to the Superior of the Seminary, and signed by all three, August 23, 1883, they declare that they had several conferences with Chief Louis Sanation, and the principal members of the tribe. They state that if the houses had not been finished according to the arrangement entered into with Mr. Choquet, in presence of Mr. McGirr, the year before, it was because the Indians, instead of buying lumber one inch in thickness, as agreed, had bought it an inch and a half in thickness, which diminished by a third the surface of the quantity thus purchased. The same gentlemen further add that, after