

1888, authorising the Procurator of the Jesuits, at Montreal, to treat with the Government of this Province, on the question of the Jesuits' Estates. (Italian version).

him certain documents respecting settlement.

"2. French version of the same letter, the translation having been made by the Reverend Jesuit Fathers:

"3. A letter of the Reverend Father Turgeon, enclosing the said letter from the Propaganda ;

"4. The reply of the Government to the Reverend Father.

" I remain

" Your Eminence's

" Most obedient servant,

" (Signed)

" HONORE MERCIER,

" Premier."

His Eminence was pleased to reply to the said communication as follows on the 4th May, 1888 :

" Sir,

" I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, with the documents which accompany it, respecting the matter of the Jesuits' Estates.

Letter from Cardinal Taschereau to Mr. Mercier acknowledging receipt.

" Please accept my thanks,

" Your obedient servant,

" (Signed)

E. A. CARDINAL TASCHEREAU,

Archbishop of Quebec."

Whereas the documents transmitted by the very Reverend Father Turgeon, with his aforesaid letter of the 8th May, 1888, are in the following words:

" Extract from the minutes of the corporation of the Society of Jesus at a meeting of the members of the said congregation, held on the second of April, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, at the house of the Immaculate Conception in Montreal, Rachel street.

Extract from minutes of corporation of society of Jesus appointing Rev. A. D. Turgeon as general and special attorney to treat with Government respecting Jesuits' Estates.

(Translation.)

" Father Adrien Turgeon is appointed general and special attorney of the Reverend Father Superior for the purpose of treating with the Government of the Province of Quebec, respecting the question of the estates of the late order of Jesuits in Canada (Jesuits' Estates), or any other question."

" (Signed)

F. VIGNON, S. J.

Secret."

" Before Léonard Ovide Héту, notary public, duly admitted in and for the Province of Quebec, one of the Provinces of the

Delegation of powers Rev. Pierre Hamel