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JOLY-GOWEN SCANDAL

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The Lucky Brother-in-law.

Seeing from the motions of Mr. Tarte asking for the correspondence, that the scandalous transaction by which the brother-in-law of the Premier profited largely, was known in all its details, Messrs. Joly, Marchand and Langelier made the best of a bad case and put a bold front on it.

We specially name these three Ministers for it is they who are most directly guilty.

The papers laid before the House yesterday establish the most complete proof of the dishonesty which presided over the act whereby the Government, whereof Mr. Joly is chief, has sacrificed to the brother-in-law of the Premier for the sum of \$5,000, a mortgage of \$17,000.

Here are the facts such as proved by the correspondence which the Cabinet has been compelled to produce and by the authentic acts which are to be produced at the Committee of Enquiry:—

The Government held a mortgage of \$17,000.00 on the farm of Notre Dame des Anges.

On the 22nd January, 1878, Mr. Gowen became desirous of acquiring the rights of the Government and offered a sum of \$3000.00.

Hon. Mr. Garneau, positively refused to accede to this, acting on the advice of

the agent of the Jesuits' property, to which this property belongs.

Mr. W. J. Bickell offered Mr. Langelier the sum of \$4,500. The Minister replied that he wanted \$10,000 for it.

This refusal is by letter dated 22nd February, 1879.

On the 15th May, 1879, Mr. Gowen, Mr. Joly's brother-in-law paid off the Government mortgage for \$5,000!

And before selling him for that amount an asset for which some days previously Mr. Langelier had asked \$10,000 they took precautions to make Mr. Gowen withdraw an offer of \$8,000 he had made for the same mortgage!

What were the measures taken to make this present to the brother-in-law of the Prime Minister!

After having refused \$8,000 from Mr. Gowen himself, after having asked \$10,000 of Mr. Bickell, after having obtained from Mr. Philip Huot the evaluation of the Government's asset, what did Mr. Langelier accept? An evaluation of \$5,000 made by a Mr. McGee and the Notary Bignell, who has a mortgage on the property for \$2,000, posterior to that of the Government and which Mr. Gowen, brother-in-law of the Premier, has bound himself to pay over and above the \$5,000 he has to pay the Government.

Were you aware of this, gentlemen of the Ministry? Mr. Joly knew of it no doubt for, for some time past, he interfered in the transactions.