

appear on behalf of the Rev. Mr. Whitelaw. Mr. Lane's letter will be found attached to the papers in Appendix "D," accompanying this report.

It contained a list of 20 witnesses, whom he desired to be summoned; and this list contained the names of only three, who had already been summoned, thus making an additional number of 17.

It was impossible to summon these witnesses, for the 21st, as Subpœnas could not be issued until Saturday the 18th, and could not arrive by mail in Inverness before the 20th, which would not give a sufficient delay for attendance on the 21st. I therefore did not summon them, desiring before doing so to be informed in some measure as to what it was desired to show by them, intending, should I consider it necessary in the interest of the enquiry, to adjourn to a later date.

On Monday, the 20th, I received a telegram from Mr. Lane (also annexed, Appendix "D") requesting me to postpone for 10 days

This I could not consent to, as all arrangements had been made for the 21st, and at least 5 persons were expected from Toronto, besides the Inspectors from Quebec, and those witnesses who had been summoned from the locality.

I therefore left Sherbrooke on the 20th, taking with me Stenographer Gatién.

On arriving at Inverness on the morning of the 21st, I was surprised to find the Court room thronged with a large number of persons who were evidently taking a deep interest in the proceedings. A large number of these were apparently members of the Rev. Mr. Whitelaw's congregation at Kinnear's Mills.

At the opening of the investigation, Mr. Whitelaw desired to know if he was to have the privilege of counsel, stating that there were really two parties to the investigation; that the Ex-Postmaster was one, and that he was the other:—that the Postmaster was represented by counsel, Mr. McLaren; and that he was without counsel, and made an earnest appeal for what he styled "British Fair Play."

This appeal appeared to be somewhat vociferously seconded by a number of persons present, whose demonstration indicated that they were strongly sympathising with Mr. Whitelaw.

We informed Mr. Whitelaw that it was impossible to postpone the enquiry, but we would do our utmost to see that the fullest opportunity should be accorded to him to adduce such evidence as we considered to be material to the enquiry, but that we must proceed at once with the examination of those witnesses who were present; particularly with himself and those from Toronto.

It then appeared that nearly all the witnesses, whom Mr. Lane had requested should be summoned, were present. Their names were called, and those who answered, were ordered to remain in attendance until they were discharged.