

CANADA. }  
 PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. }

We, Cyprien Gosselin and Louis Vigneaux, both farmers of the Township of Wotton, declare as follows:—

That it is to our knowledge that Mr. Rémi Tremblay of Stoke, took an active part in the last Dominion elections; especially in the electoral division of Richmond and Wolfe.

That on or about the 20th day of February last, we met here at Wotton the said Rémi Tremblay; and we heard him on that day after High Mass make a political speech in favor of Mr. Greenshields, violently attacking the Conservative Government. He also accused Sir John A. Macdonald with being the Grand Master of the Orangemen; and denounced that person and Chapleau as being the enemies of the French Canadians of the Province of Quebec; and that they must as soon as possible put an end to this Orange Leader, and make an alliance with Mr. Blake, the enemy of secret societies;

That, as for himself, although an employee of the Conservative Government, he was not afraid to risk his salary of one thousand dollars per annum by denouncing the bad conduct of the Conservatives, especially in the Riel matter.

We make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, under the Act passed in the 37th year of Her Majesty's reign, and intitled: "An Act for the suppression of Voluntary and Extra-judicial Oaths."

Signed and acknowledged before me }  
 at Wotton aforesaid this 9th day }  
 of June, 1887. }

CYPRIEN GOSSELIN,  
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JOSEPH BOURQUE, J. P.

OTTAWA, 4th June, 1887.

Mr. SPEAKER,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, by which you apprise me of the request of the Honorable J. A. Chapleau, dated the 22nd May last, asking for my dismissal from the *Hansard* staff, for the reason that "*during the vacation coming after the last session*, my conduct had been notoriously opposed to those sentiments of respect and deference which ought to actuate the conduct of the Parliamentary employees."

Did I think, Mr. Speaker, that it would be agreeable to you that I should give explanations in detail in reply to this letter, I would hasten to do so. But what good would this do? I am under the control of the Special Committee of the House known by the name of the "Debates Committee;" and I am in a position to establish before that committee—if they will do me the honor of summoning me before them—that I have done nothing to justify their asking the House to dismiss me.

This much, however, I may say in answer to the Honorable the Secretary of State:—

I did engage in politics during the vacation following the last Session; and I spoke at a certain number of meetings of a public character. But in doing so I exercised a right conceded to the members of our office by the leading French organs of the Government; a right which several members of this House and of the Senate have invited me to exercise; a right which my Conservative colleagues on the *Hansard* have exercised, as I have done; a right which the Honorable the Secretary of State himself has appeared to recognize up to within the last few days—seeing that he has waited until the 22nd May, 1887, to complain of me, and that he kept no reckoning of my engaging in the contests which preceded the vacation following the last Session.

Now, if it has happened that I have used in my speeches expressions which may have been, perhaps, somewhat disagreeable to the Honorable the Secretary of