

for that by deprivation of his personal liberty.

I now wish to read the affidavit of Rosario J. A. Prince, dated 6th November, 1912:

Province of Manitoba,
Dominion of Canada,

To wit:

In the matter of the arrest of Rosario J. A. Prince, prior to the election held in the Electoral Division of Macdonald, on October 12, 1912, which arrest took place on the 11th day of October, A.D. 1912.

I, Rosario J. A. Prince, of the city of St. Boniface, in the province of Manitoba, student-at-law, do solemnly declare that:

1. That I am the Rosario J. A. Prince who was arrested on the date above mentioned.

2. That hereto attached and marked Exhibit 'A' to this my declaration is a document containing all the circumstances connected with said arrest.

3. That all the statements contained in said document are true in substance and in fact.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the 'Canada Evidence Act.'

Declared before me at the city of Winnipeg, in the province of Manitoba, this 6th day of November, A.D. 1912.

J. W. Wilton,

A notary public in and for Manitoba.

R. J. A. PRINCE.

In the matter of the arrest of R. J. A. Prince. This is Exhibit 'A' referred to in the declaration of Rosario J. A. Prince, sworn before me at Winnipeg this 6th day of November, 1912.

J. W. WILTON.

A notary public in and for Manitoba.

I went down to Cardinal on Monday, October 7th, to take part in the elections. On Tuesday the day following, October 8th, I drove up to Notre Dame de Lourdes along with Cyril Rozier to prepare for a meeting which we were to hold there that evening. On our arrival there, we stopped at the boarding house kept by Paul Fries. We had our dinner there, and left without paying for it, and drove further on into the country. We returned later and prepared the hall for the meeting, and then had supper at Paul Fries's house. After supper we went to pay for the meals, and I had no change less than \$10. Rozier paid for the meals. Later on in the evening when we were leaving, we had the horses harnessed up outside, and as we were going I paid Fries for the stabling. He had no change with him, and went into the house for it. I said jokingly to him, 'Don't say I gave you that to keep you from voting.' He came back in a few minutes with the change, giving me \$9.50. A man by the name of Laboret was with me when Fries gave me back the change.

We returned to Cardinal that night, and I continued my work there. I knew that I was watched all the time. There were detectives in the hotel at Cardinal all the week, and they were watching all that was going on. Many times during the week I was told by different parties that I would be arrested. Finally on Thursday night, after the Conservative meeting held by A. Potvin at Lourdes, at

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which Mr. Gauthier spoke for us, I was once more admonished by Paul Fries in his stable, that I would be arrested the next day. Fries told me that one Dixon wanted him to appear against me, pretending that I had given him (Fries) money. To this I answered that I did not care, and that they could not arrest me, because I had done nothing wrong.

A most innocent young man—although he lived in the province of Manitoba. I may say that he was young, and that is the reason he did not know better. He knows better now.

Fries insisted, saying 'I want to tell you that Dixon wants to have you arrested, and wants me to appear as witness.' I said 'My dear man I don't know you.' Then he said 'If you are arrested, call me up, and I will come to help you out.'

I got back to Cardinal that night, and acted as if nothing was stirring against me, but I had an idea that I could not clear up, as Fries's words and actions were strange to me. At last on Friday morning, I was called aside by Frank Chittick, and he asked me to go to his room. He then said I was under arrest, and as I protested and would not go into his room, he finally showed a warrant which had been made out against me. I read the warrant which had been signed by two justices of the peace. One appeared to me like the signature of one Defromant, and the other was Louis Fouasse. The name of Defromant was struck off, and Mr. Fouasse appeared to have taken the oath. This indicated to me that the warrant was possibly sworn in blank.

Soon after my arrest, I was joined by A. C. Ross, provincial detective, bringing a man by the name of Frank Turcot. Then I tried to phone to Winnipeg to tell the executive of my arrest, but Ross snatched me away from the phone. A few seconds after the phone rang, and some one called for me. I was allowed to go and answer the message, possibly because they thought that I could not do anything more. It was the executive that was calling me up, and I told them of my arrest. I then asked Ross where he was going to take me to, and he said to Winnipeg, so I told the executive that I was coming to Winnipeg. Here I was maliciously deceived, as I was taken to Morden by Detective A. C. Ross, who failed to keep his word, as he could have taken me down to Winnipeg more easily than to Morden, as the train was coming from the west to Winnipeg in about an hour's time. After I was through phoning I protested against my arrest to both detectives in the presence of about twenty people, and I asked that the case be tried at once, either at Cardinal or at Notre Dame de Lourdes, where the warrant was sworn, and before the justice of the peace who swore it, but this was not of any use, and they searched me, and took all papers and documents they could find. I had on me all the scrutineer's papers for the surrounding district, and I tried to pass them to Mr. Gauthier, but A. C. Ross refused. By this device they had all the organization work crippled up on our side.

From Cardinal we took the train to Somerset, and from Somerset we took the train to Miami, where Detective Ross hired a four-seated buggy and drove us eighteen miles to