

SHERBROOKE, OCTOBER 5TH, 1900.

*To the Honorable, the Postmaster General, Ottawa :*

**IN RE.**

*Enquiry ordered under R. S. C. Cap. 114, as to an alleged abstraction of \$200.00 from letter mailed at Kinnear's Mills Post Office on the 6th December, 1899, by Rev. J. M. Whitelaw addressed to the Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto.*

SIR,—I have the honor to report that in accordance with order in Council of the 26th of July last, and your letters of instruction of the 27th and 31st of the same month, and also yours of the 4th of Aug. last, and after taking communication of copies of the record of the previous investigations in this matter, held by Inspector Bolduc and Inspector Hawken, I gave notice to those persons, whose attendance I considered necessary as witnesses, that I would commence the enquiry at Inverness—the Chef Lieu of the County of Megantic, on Tuesday, the 21st of Aug., at 9 a m.

#### INTRODUCTION.

Judging from the record and papers sent to me, the persons to whom I issued summons on the 8th of Aug. were the following :

Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, Kinnear's Mills.

Jas. Kinnear, jr, Ex-Postmaster.

David Frizzel, Kinnear's Mills.

Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto.

Miss King, Toronto.

Jas. Kinnear, sr, of Kinnear's Mills

Miss M. M. Kinnear, Ex-Assistant Postmaster.

Inspector Bolduc, and

Assistant Inspector Green.

Intending to limit the enquiry to the examination of those whose evidence appeared to me material.

A day or two later I learned that Ex-Postmaster Kinnear and his daughter, had moved to Toronto, and upon their being summoned, I received an application from J. J. McLaren, Q.C., for permission to attend the enquiry on their behalf.

This application I granted conditionally, restricting the counsel, to such limitations, as are usually attached thereto on obtaining leave to attend a coroner's inquest

Late in the evening of the 17th of August, I received a similar application from J. A. Lane, Esq., Advocate of Quebec, for leave to