

In one of the *Review* articles, referring to pressure said to be brought by the Government "to bear upon Mr. Massie to retire from the Wardenship," the writer quotes this sentence from the *Tribune*, as confirming what the *Review* had said as to such pressure:—"We have heard it said that it was proposed to put Mr. Massie in another position, and that he did not like the change." Thus the *Tribune's* mention of a rumour is taken as a proof that the fact was as said to be rumoured. Now we are surely not responsible for rumours, and this rumour was as unfounded as many others are which get into newspapers. The *Review* writer does us this wrong, but he at the same time quotes the words of the *Tribune*. Mr. McLeod refers to the same matter, but, doing so from memory, he says that the *Tribune* "stated," that Mr. Massie had been offered and had declined another situation. It is hard to have Mr. McLeod thus treating as a positive statement against us what even the newspaper quoted from had mentioned as a rumour only, for which the editor did not pretend to vouch.

The same writer, in his article of the 5th August, speaking of the state of affairs since the Commissioners' report, says that the Warden was enduring "the insults of the spies that dogged his heels every day." He does not say who these spies were. We never heard of them. For rhetorical and, I am afraid, political effect, he has magnified the prison clerk, who was no spy, into a plurality of spies. I am able to say that the Warden never informed the Inspector, or the Provincial Secretary, or the Government, that he had received insults, and I have no doubt that he had received none. Insults to a superior officer we should never tolerate; and from what I am told of the prison clerk, his disposition and character, I believe that no one could be less likely than he to insult anyone. After the Commissioners' investigation no spies "dogged the Warden's heels;" and if there were such at an earlier period, they did their work secretly then, and discontinued it after the investigation had shown it to be useless. One of the principal spies of that former period was ascertained, on the investigation, to have been the convict whom the Warden had the misfortune himself to select to keep some of the prison books.

In a subsequent article the writer makes a reference to myself. While he disclaims being in the least degree influenced "by party feeling," he intimates that by his articles he has done the Premier of the Province good service, and that now, in consequence of these articles, the Government "feels the ground firmer under its feet," and says "No" to the supposed Roman Catholic demand for the Warden's dismissal. The demand was never made: the Government needed no firmer ground than it has had all along