

Mothe, Chief of Police, detected the raid on Johnson's Island, in the Lachine Canal, and by direction of Hon. L. H. Holtton, then Finance Minister, put a stop to it. There was a change of Government in March following, and LaMothe was refused compensation for his services. He, therefore, declined to perform subsequent services in that direction, and there were no detectives used or employed for that purpose before the St. Albans raid.

Lord Monck, Governor General, Sir John A. McDonald, Prime Minister, Sir George E. Cartier, Attorney General, Hon. H. D. Longueveau, Solicitor General, and others, were impressed as witnesses by Great Britain, who all testified that they had no personal knowledge of the St. Albans raid before its occurrence, although they were fully informed of the general objects and purposes of these insurgents in Canada.

These facts, with many other minor details, were submitted to the Mixed Commission on American and British claims, composed of Count I. Coati, Italian Minister at Washington, as Umpire, James S. Frazer, of Indiana, Commissioner for the United States, and Russell Gurney, Recorder of London, England, Commissioner for Great Britain, through Hon. Robert S. Hale, Agent for the United States, who, on the 19th of August, 1873, disallowed compensation.

Commissioner Frazer read an opinion, in which I am advised that the majority of the Commission concurred, which was in part as follows: "I may not be prepared to say that Great Britain used that diligence to prevent hostile expeditions from Canada against the United States, which should be exercised by a neutral and friendly neighbor, but in the view which I take of these claims, this question is not important, and need not therefore be decided. * * * I think, rather, it was because no care which one nation may reasonably require of another in such cases would have been sufficient to discover it." Indeed, the decision must have been placed upon the ground that direct knowledge of this particular raid must have been communicated to the Canadian or British Government, before its occurrence, and they have failed to stop it, in order to charge such Government