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25. Edward O'Flaherty, Trustee, Collegiate Institute.
26. Jessie Brown, ex-pupil, Collegiate Institute.
27. George G. Ewart, Accountant.
28. Margaret Hamilton, ex-pupil, Collegiate Institute.
29. Maurice O'Loane, ex-pupil, Collegiate Institute.
30. William G. Walker, Teacher, School No. 8, Ellice.
31. Mrs. McBride.
32. Thomas Stoney, Ex-Chairman Collegiate Institute Board.
33. Hugh A. Jameson, Trustee, Collegiate Institute.
34. James Steet, Chairman, Collegiate Institute Board.
35. Jonah Johnson, Caretaker, Collegiate Institute.
36. Leonard Newhold, on staff of G. T. R.
37. William McBride, M.A., Head Master.

MR. IDINGTON'S STATEMENT AND LIST OF CHARGES AGAINST MR. McBRIDE.

In the matter of the enquiry into the complaint of John Idington that William McBride the Principal of the City of Stratford Collegiate Institute is untruthful, and of the enquiry into the truth of the charges made in support thereof by the said John Idington to the Honorable the Minister of Education.

The following are the particulars of certain charges upon which the said Complainant will rely, to support the said complaint before the special Commissioner appointed, or to be appointed, to enquire into the said complaint.

1. On the 15th of April A.D., 1884, Peter S. Idington, then, and for fifteen months previously, a pupil in the third form of said school, declined to tell the said William McBride on others, and told him he had not come to school to be a detective and would not make himself one. Mr. McBride thereupon, within a few minutes, ordered him back from the third form to the second, ostensibly for defective lessons. Upon being charged with doing this as a punishment, he asserted that it was not as a punishment but carrying out a decision arrived at before that morning, and as the result of a consultation with and reference to the pupil's other teachers. He reiterated the substance of this before the Board on the 2nd May 1884, adding that the third form was for intermediate candidates, and this said pupil had no chance to pass.

I charge that these several statements in answer to said charge were untrue.

2. The Complainant, having made complaint to the Board of the treatment of Peter S. Idington by said William McBride, on the occasion firstly above named, appeared before the Board and the said McBride asserted then and there on said third of May in the strongest possible manner, that on one occasion he went to the basement of the school, found a number of boys there who had evidently been playing cards, but those engaged in the play got the cards out of sight before he reached them; and that the said Peter Idington was one of the boys there.

This accusation against Peter Idington, was entirely false, and the Complainant charges said Mr. McBride with having made such false accusation knowingly, or recklessly, not caring whether true or false.

3. Although Complainant charged said Mr. McBride, through the press, with this being a wicked falsehood, and he saw fit to combat other of the statements made as to his integrity, he has never, to the Complainant's knowledge, either denied or explained this charge.

The Complainant claims, that in any event if the statement thus characterized had been made through honest error and not of malice as alleged it became the duty of said Mr. McBride thus charged to have enquired into and withdrawn the statement and that his allowing his late pupil to remain under such a false accusation publicly made by him was most dishonorable and uncandid and impossible for any honest man or teacher.

4. On the same occasion he asserted that said pupil had never got but one of his lessons in Latin and that he had never solved a single question at the board in Arithmetic.