

should close the incident as far as the House is concerned. As a mere matter of practice I think the letter should appear on the Minutes of the Senate.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—It will.

HON. MR. POWER—It will appear in the Minutes that the hon. gentleman from Delanaudiere moved his motion that Mr. Moylan be called to the Bar of this House; this letter is submitted, and if I am allowed to make the suggestion, or if my suggestion is not a good one, some other may be made, some gentleman should move that the letter submitted by the leader of the House be inserted in the minutes, whereupon the hon. gentleman withdraws his motion and that will explain the whole transaction.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—I move that my motion be withdrawn and that the letter be accepted as a sufficient apology?

HON. MR. SPEAKER—Would it not be the simplest mode if the motion made by the hon. gentleman is recorded, and it is entered in the Minutes that the leader laid a letter on the Table of the House; it will then appear in the Minutes that thereupon the motion was withdrawn.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I enquired of the Clerk of the House and he told me that that would be the course—having laid the letter upon the Table of the House it would appear in the Minutes.

HON. MR. MILLER—That could not be done without a motion.

HON. MR. McINNES (B.C.)—I had no intention whatever of pursuing this subject any further than bringing it to the notice of the House. As I said before I was not aware that the hon. gentleman from Delanaudiere was going to move in the matter at all. He never consulted me, and I merely made the remarks I did with respect to the Minister of Justice on my own responsibility, and it is for the House to deal with it or accept it as they please. I shall not move any further. I have been attacked individually, but that attack is made on every hon. member in this House. I hold the same views yet. I may say that if I am spared another year the chances are that I will bring such evidence with me to enable me to formulate charges in connection with alleged gross abuses in the British Columbia Penitentiary, that the Govern-

ment must grant a commission composed of gentlemen entirely dissociated with the Government. So that if abuses exist they will be righted and the offenders punished—if no abuses exist the officials will be honorably exonerated from all blame.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—With reference to what the hon. gentleman from Delanaudiere has said as to the Inspector's salary, what was stated at the time was that he was entitled to an increase of salary that year, and that would be withheld from him in consequence of his conduct. The increase was \$400. That was withheld from him for the financial year 1887-88. I think that was the promise I made.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—I would like to ask the leader of the House to answer this question. Last year he made a promise in these words, in the Senate, with regard to a question of mine with regard to a return called for, of papers connected with the sham investigation at St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary:—

“The Government have no objection to send down any papers they possess, which at present comprise only the English notes of the evidence taken on the occasion referred to. The Government are quite ready to lay before the House the notes they have in their possession, and when they get the French notes they will bring them down also.”

The House has been three months in session and those papers promised by the hon. gentleman have not come down yet, and I will ask him whether they are to be brought down this session.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—Whatever motion my hon. friend made, and was passed by this House was transmitted to the Minister, and I presumed that he had made the return required by that motion. If my hon. friend will give me a note of the demand he made, I will see if it was sent down and if not, why, and if there be anything more we will produce it.

The motion was withdrawn.

## COMMISSIONER A. F. WOOD'S EXPENSES.

### MOTION.

HON. MR. FLINT moved:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a statement in detail of the amount paid to A. F. Wood, Esquire, Commissioner sent to investigate the charges made against Mr. Ellis and others,