

log-houses was limited to a charge of \$20.00, acquiesced in that condition so limited, and that he directed the Procurator of the Seminary to send to the Government the sum agreed upon for the purchase of the Gibson Reserve.

Pursuant to this verbal agreement, the Hon. Mr. Mousseau, having become Premier of Quebec, in a memorial addressed to yourself, Right Hon. Sir, and dated Oct. 21, 1882, made use of the following words:—

“The Seminary, always laboring under the *impression that the building of such log-houses* was to be a *cheap affair*, spent far more than they were obliged to do by the Order-in-Council of September, 1881.

Fourthly. What the Hon. Mr. Mousseau wrote to you in the same memorial, viz. :—

“You know how those log-houses were brought about.
* * * It was you who suggested as a middle course that the Seminary should feed the Indians at Gibson only for a fortnight, and that they would build log-houses of the above description, and which would cost, according to the opinion of everybody then present, from \$18 to \$20 each. It was that impression (and on that point I feel most distinct) that induced Choquet to consent for the Seminary, and induced me to advise Choquet.”

It is therefore certain, both from the facts which preceded the Order-in-Council, and from those which followed it, that the Seminary never accepted Art. V., under the form in which it stands, and that it never consented to the condition of the log-houses, but in as far as that condition was reduced to a charge of about \$20 per log-house. That is what the Seminary voluntarily engaged itself to.