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SPEECH
OF
MR. J. ROYAL, M.P.,
ON THE
EXECUTION OF LOUIS RIEL.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, MARCH 12TH, 1886.

Mr. ROYAL. When I moved the adjournment of the debate last night it was not my intention to answer the speech and the arguments of the hon. member for Bellechase (Mr. Amyot), nor is it my intention to answer them now. I propose to leave the hon. gentleman to the tender mercies of the Minister of Militia, his old friend, his admired friend, his quondam chief of the past. However, I cannot allow this occasion to pass without referring to certain facts the hon. gentleman who preceded me, stated yesterday, in the declaration read as made by Mr. Lemieux, to sustain certain accusations brought against the Government, of having refused to give him all the allowances he wished to have in the trial that took place at Regina, during last summer. That declaration was not taken before a commissioner for taking affidavits; it was devoid of all authenticity; and, moreover, it was signed by only one of the counsel who undertook the defence of the prisoner. In regard to that document, which has certainly not the same weight nor the same authenticity as a sworn declaration, I will read from the report which has been distributed, and which gives the proceedings that took place on the trial at Regina between the Queen and Riel. At page 9 there is an affidavit given by Mr. Lemieux in support of a motion asking for a certain delay in the proceedings.

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