

At a meeting of the citizens of Valleyfield, P. Q., held in the town hall, on Saturday the 4th of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six:—

It was moved and seconded and passed without one dissenting voice, that an address be sent to the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Prime Minister of Canada, as follows:—

*To the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Prime Minister of Canada:*

Resolved:

That the citizens of Valleyfield look with apprehension upon the action of the Governor General in respiting the murderer V. F. C. Shortis;

They are of opinion that as V. F. C. Shortis, after a fair and just trial was found guilty by a jury of his fellow citizens, that as no new evidence has been discovered which would have in any way altered the verdict so given, that there exists no good or just reason why the sentence passed upon Shortis should not have been permitted to be carried out;

They protest at this miscarriage of justice;

They believe that there should be in Canada one law for the rich as for the poor and they respectfully ask that this protest be recorded in the archives of the Minister of Justice.

GEO. M. LOY, *Mayor.*

M. SUTHERLAND, M.D., C.M., *Secretary.*

VALLEYFIELD, P.Q., 7th January, 1896.

J. G. H. BERGERON, Esq., M.P.

DEAR SIR,—Inclosed find a resolution passed at a meeting held in Valleyfield, to the Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, which you will kindly present.

And oblige, yours truly,

M. SUTHERLAND, M.D., *Secretary.*

MONTREAL, JAN. 10, 1896.

E. L. NEWCOMBE, Esq., Q.C., Deputy Minister of Justice, Ottawa, Ont.

*Re* SHORTIS.

MY DEAR NEWCOMBE,—About the 23rd of December, in answer to a request from the Minister of Justice, I sent him a report on the Shortis case. Some errors occurred in the transcription. I sent the Minister of Justice a corrected copy a few days afterwards.

I see that Mr. Bergeron has asked for return of the papers in connection with the commutation, etc.

Will you kindly see that my report—and the corrected copy—goes in. I would not have written about it at all were it not for the fact that I felt the copy containing the clerical errors might be sent in.

Yours sincerely,

D. MACMASTER.