

Public Accounts Committee.

Q. This statement published in the newspapers, by authority of the Attorney General?—A. The only redress I had was on the *Winnipeg Tribune*, and the *Winnipeg Tribune* very kindly made a correction.

By Sir Louis Davies :

Q. Has he given in that correction?—A. It is at page 95.

By Mr. Taylor :

Q. I understand you to say you had prepared to bring an action against the editor of the *Winnipeg Tribune*?—A. Yes, but there was never any communication to Mr. Richardson that there was any intention of bringing such a libel suit.

By Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper :

Q. Are you, Mr. Campbell, sufficiently familiar with these magistrates to say whether they were, as a matter of fact, strong partisans or not?—A. I would not care to say that.

Q. They were appointed by whom?—A. I cannot say that.

Q. You told Mr. Fitzpatrick that it was Mr. Howell's business from the Attorney General to prosecute "cases of this sort," where you referred to cases in connection with the Dominion elections, those for ballot irregularities on the part of returning officers, and so on?—A. We never had any prosecutions prior to that.

Q. When you use the expression "cases of this sort," you mean criminal cases?—A. Criminal cases.

Q. Within the ordinary meaning of the term as understood?—A. It is part of the duty of the Attorney General to prosecute criminal cases.

By Mr. Borden (Halifax) :

Q. Mr. Fitzpatrick referred to statements having been made on the authority of the Attorney General of Manitoba. As I understand it, the statements in the *Winnipeg Tribune* did not purport to be made on the authority of the Attorney General?—A. The statement will speak for itself.

Witness discharged.