

me all the same. You are perfectly justified in declaring that having my reason and sound mind I have acted reasonably and in self-defence, while the Government, my accuser, being irresponsible and consequently insane, cannot but have acted wrong, and if high treason there is, it must be on its side and not on my part.

HIS HONOR.—Are you done?

PRISONER.—Not yet, if you have the kindness to permit your attention for a while.

HIS HONOR.—Well, proceed.

PRISONER.—For fifteen years I have been neglecting myself, even one of the most hard witnesses on me said that with all my vanity I never was particular as to my clothing; yes, because I never had much to buy any clothing. The reverend Father André, has often had the kindness to feed my family with a sack of flour and Father Fourmond; my wife and children are without means, while I am working more than any representative in the North-West although I am simply a guest of this country, a guest of the half-breeds of the Saskatchewan. Although as a simple guest I work to better the condition of the people of the Saskatchewan, at the risk of my life, to better condition of the people of the North-West, I have never had any pay. It has always been my hope to have a fair living one day. It will be for you to pronounce. If you say I was right, you can conscientiously acquit me, as I hope through the help of God, you will. You will console those who have been fifteen years around me, only partaking in my sufferings; what you will do in justice to me, in justice to my family, in justice to my friends, in justice to the North-West, will be rendered a hundred times to you in this world, and to use a sacred expression, life everlasting in the other.

I thank your Honors for the favour you have granted me in speaking, I thank you for the attention you have given me, Gentlemen of the Jury, and I thank those who have had the kindness to encourage my imperfect way of speaking the English language by their good attention. I put my speech under the protection of my God, my Saviour, he is the only one who can make it effective, it is possible it should become effective as it is proposed to good men, to good people, and to good ladies also.

Mr. Robinson for the prosecution addresses the jury and after him the presiding Judge delivers his charge.

On the jury returning, after having retired to consider their verdict, the clerk of the Court asked: Gentlemen, are you agreed upon your verdict? How say you? Is the prisoner guilty or not guilty?

The jury find the prisoner guilty.

CLERK.—Gentlemen of the Jury, hearken to your verdict, as the Court records it: You find the prisoner, Louis Riel, guilty, so say you all.

The Jury answered: Guilty.

A JUROR.—Your Honor, I have been asked by my brother-jurors to recommend the prisoner to the mercy of the Crown.

MR. JUSTICE RICHARDSON.—I may say in answer to you that the recommendation which you have given will be forwarded in proper manner to the proper authorities.

MR. ROBINSON.—Do Your Honors propose to pass sentence now. I believe the proper course is to ask the sentence of the Court upon the prisoner.

MR. JUSTICE RICHARDSON.—Louis Riel, have you anything to say why the sentence of the Court should not be pronounced upon you, for the offence of which you have been found guilty.

PRISONER.—Yes, Your Honor.

MR. FITZPATRICK.—Before the accused answers or makes any remarks as suggested