

mittees from some twelve different Parishes, who severally presented me Addresses. I enclose you copies of the Addresses and my replies.

In addition to the written and formal replies, I took occasion to address the members of each deputation orally, urging upon them the necessity of their uniting with me to put down any attempt at violation of the law, and I obtained from each member of the several Committees a very positive assurance that he would do every thing in his power to put down the excitement which prevails.

There is very great uneasiness among the population. The French assert that they were promised an amnesty, and many of them declare there can be no solid peace till that promise is fulfilled.

The English party, many of whom were sufferers in the late troubles, declare that it is impossible peace can prevail, till the principal actors in the late troubles are arrested and punished, and they are very uneasy lest it should be the intention of Government to pass over all these matters and let the men from whom they have suffered go unpunished.

This explanation of the sentiments of the two different classes of the population, sentiments so entirely antagonistic, is necessary to explain the tone of my answers to the Addresses, and the remarks I have made above as to the nature of my verbal Addresses to the people.

Thinking it was now time to organize a Government, and that I had become sufficiently acquainted with the people to form some idea of the material out of which this could be formed, I have chosen a man representing each section of the population here, and appointed them Members of my Executive Council. Mr. Alfred Boyd is a merchant of good standing here. He is a man of fair abilities, of considerable means, and very popular among the English half-breeds. He was chosen by the Parish of St. Andrew's (the most populous parish in the settlement), as a delegate to the Convention last winter. While highly esteemed among the English party he is not obnoxious to the French. I have appointed him Provincial Secretary.

Mr. Marc Amable Girard is a French Canadian, from Varennes below Montreal, who has recently removed here. He is a notary by profession, has been Mayor of Varennes, and is a gentleman of some property, and of good standing, and seems to be the nominee of the French party. I have appointed him Provincial Treasurer.

I have also issued a Proclamation which my Council approve of, and of which I send you a copy. It is intended to promote, and I hope will have some effect in promoting, a feeling of reliance upon the Government for the protection of the peaceable inhabitants.

I have been obliged to write in great haste. In the primitive condition of affairs here, the most trivial matter must be brought to the notice of the Governor, and from morning to night I have not a moment to myself, and in this case I have been obliged to begin this letter after the hour named for the close of the mail, keeping it open till I shall have completed it.

I have, &c.,

(Signed), ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD.

To the Honorable
The Secretary of State for the Provinces, Ottawa.

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PROCLAMATION.

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

(Signed), ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD.