

by Mr. Pacaud from Mr. Armstrong, but the payment was made in Mr. Mercier's absence, without his consent and knowledge, and the responsibility can in no wise be imputed to him.

Secondly. The \$5,000 sent to Mr. Mercier on the 15th May were on deposit for that purpose with Mr. Pacaud at that date, and were not taken, as far as Mr. Mercier was concerned, from the Baie des Chaleurs Railway money.

Thirdly. The sum of \$5,000 sent to Mr. Mercier the 3rd of July was advanced by Mr. Pacaud out of funds arising from a source quite foreign to the Baie des Chaleurs affair, and as far as Mr. Mercier was concerned, it ought to have been raised by means of the signed blank sent to Mr. Pacaud by Senator Pelletier, and it was, in fact, subsequently covered by a note written on this blank form, when Mr. Pacaud judged proper to have it discounted.

MESSEURS. TURGEON, CARRIER, PINAULT, DESCHENES, DESMARAIS, TESSIER AND LEMIEUX.

The names of these gentlemen, who are all members of the Legislative Assembly, have been mentioned during the enquiry in connection with certain sums received by them from Mr. Pacaud. It is only just to say that none of the facts concerning them can justify the slightest suspicion against them.

GENERAL SUMMING UP.

Taking the evidence on the whole, I find the following facts to be established:—

First—The Pacaud-Armstrong agreement is proved, and even admitted, but it was kept secret between Messrs. Armstrong and Pacaud, and neither Mr. Thom nor Mr. Cooper knew anything about it.

Secondly—There is no proof that any of the Ministers knew of this agreement prior to the revelations made before the Committee of the Senate.

Thirdly—None of the Ministers, except Mr. Charles Lange-
lier, profited in any way from Mr. Armstrong's money.

Fourthly—M. Langelier does not seem to have known the source of the money that he received from Mr. Pacaud.