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Textile offices next morning and called on Mr Mole and Mr Gordon.

Q That would be Monday?

A Yes, the 27th of April. We asked those gentlemen if there was no way of avoiding this reduction in wages, and the answer was that they gave us what they were absolutely obliged to cut down the wages or shut down the mills for a while but, that as soon as business would get better they would restore the old wages.

Q Did they give you any idea as to how soon that would be?

A I asked them if they could tell us about what time they might do that, but they said they could not make any promise, because they said they did not know when the trade would get better.

Q What happened after that?

A There was a meeting called at St Henry that same evening.

Q On the evening of April 27th?

A Yes.

When we left the Dominion Textile Company's offices, Mr Parent and I went to Hochelaga to meet Mr Paquette. We went to his house, but we could not find him, so we went back again in the afternoon to his place, and we could not find him then either. We went to his house, but he was not there, so we told Mrs Paquette to tell him to come out to St Henry as soon as possible, that we wanted to see him before the meeting.

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