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Ottawa, 7th November, 1904.

Action on the information which you so  
 on the 25th January last was as you were advis-  
 ed in February 27th only deferred pending a judgment of the  
 Central Court and when this was obtained complaints were  
 laid against Messrs. Robert, Fortin and Laberge. But the  
 witnesses were then with one exception reported to be in  
 the lumber woods and the Department has since been advised  
 that they will probably not return until next spring.

Prosecution was barred by the Statute of Limita-  
 tion of six months unless proceedings were com-  
 menced, and legal advice was taken as to the best steps to  
 follow. This advice was that the only course open was to  
 apply for process and then keep on asking for remands un-  
 til the return of witnesses. These remands the Court  
 might or might not have granted, as the accused would nat-  
 urally oppose them and as we could not state when our wit-  
 nesses would return; the expense involved would be consider-  
 able, and the cases themselves would be threatened with de-  
 feat.

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