

in the North-West Territories, with the date of the Letters Patent therefor, the quantity, location, price and payments; also, all grants so made either to Mr. Valin alone, or to others jointly with him. He said: Mr. Speaker, I believe it is important that we should know which are those of the hon. members of this House who have received grants from the Government in the shape of lands in the North-West Territories. My object in making this motion concerning members of this House, is to know whether any of them have received direct ministerial favors, and furthermore, whether some of these grants of land may not conflict with the rights either with the half-breeds, or the Indians or of certain occupiers of land. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. member for Montmorency (Mr. Valin), from the information I have received, is one of those who have received some of these grants. During the month of December last a meeting was to take place in the county of Montmorency. The hon. member was invited to attend, and certain questions were to be then and there put to him, and he was to be requested to make certain declarations with regard to the events which took place in the North-West. It was intended to enquire of him if, perchance, he had not received some grants of land from the Government, and if, perchance, also such grants of land was not comprised within the limits of the large grant of land given to a certain company in the township of Langevin, which said grant of land took up, *in globo* so to speak, the whole of the parish of Langevin, including the church and presbytery. The member for Montmorency, my hon. colleague, did not deem it proper to go to that meeting; he declined the invitation, but he was present through his employce, whom I might call his *factotum*, Mr. Vallerant, accompanied by other persons commonly called bullies in English, whose object it was to use violence in order to prevent the meeting from being held. The consequence was that the electors of that place were unable to obtain the required information, and that information which might have been useful to all the electors of the county was not given to the public. I believe the only way to get it is to invoke the authority of this House in order to discover the truth, to know just the number of acres of land which the hon. member for Montmorency has obtained from the Government, where such land is located, and to what extent these grants may affect the rights of those parties. I must say, by the way, that the founders of these troubles at Château-Richer have been brought before the police court and have been variously punished, both by fine and imprisonment. But the object of the meeting was not attained, and as I have had the honor to state, we have not obtained the information which I believe the hon. member is bound to give his constituents and to the electors of the county at large. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I make the present motion.

Mr. VALIN. I have but a few words to say in reply to the hon. gentleman. I know that a certain army went down to the county of Montmorency to hold a meeting there, and that they called themselves the National Party. I received an invitation to attend under the name of that National Party, by a kind of secretary named by them, but as I knew there was nothing like a National Party at present existing except the Conservative party in this country, I did not attend to this invitation. I was informed that there were lots of these bullies, as the hon. gentleman has just mentioned, organised by the so-called National Party, to come down to the county at that meeting, and the people of my county, knowing well that this was being done, advised me not to go to such a meeting. I therefore did not go, nor had I any intention of going. I understand that the army did go down, but had the satisfaction of being turned out of the place of meeting. Who turned them out, I do not know; but I

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know well that one of these bullies who went down there was armed with a hammer, which some of my friends at the meeting took away from him. This caused a row, and a few days after, as the hon. gentleman says, six people were arrested on our side unjustly and unfairly. We did not cause any on the other side to be arrested, because we did not think it worth while. But the hon. gentleman, not having been able to make his great speech, it remained in his belly and swelled up, and he had no other way to relieve himself but by rushing into a newspaper. In that newspaper, which, we all know, is not in the habit of telling the truth, he represented that I held land grants in the St. Louis de Langevin township, and that I had them in partnership with Sir Hector Langevin, Sir Adolphe Caron and the Hon. Mr. McGreevy. It would have been a great honor for me to have been a partner with these gentlemen, but I must say we were not partners, and I deny that I had anything to do with such lands. I deny, and I defy anyone to prove the contrary, that I had any lands in that township. If I have land, it is not there. The hon. gentleman is quite mistaken; and I do believe if I have lands in the North-West, they are lands I have the right to hold. But, in the meantime, I do not mean to say that the hon. gentleman should take the way of a newspaper and drag about respectable people just for the sake of the reference. He knew well that he could get the reference here by applying as he did to-day. I have no objection that the whole of my transactions should be laid before the House. I have had no gift from the Government. If I support them it is by my own will; if I support them, it is my politics and it is my view to do so, and I think I support an honorable Government, and I have no shame in doing so. Therefore my transactions can be sent down by the Minister of the Interior, if he wishes, for I have no objection as far as I am concerned. But I will not join this National Party, and I will not acknowledge them. I might do so now if the hon. member for L'Islet (Mr. Casgrain) will repeat what he said at that fine meeting in Château Richer, but I know that the people of that parish were noble and would not listen to nonsense, and so they would not listen to that.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). There is no objection to bring down the papers, but I might state the information I have is—and probably, when the hon. gentleman gets that information he may not consider it necessary to press for the return—that the records of the Department show that no lands have been granted to Mr. Valin, and the officer of the Department who gives me this information says:

"It is assumed that the motion alluded to lands allotted to Mr. P. V. Valin for colonization purposes."

These lands are three townships west of Long Lake, about 200 miles away from the scene of the recent troubles. They did not interfere in any way with the troubles; they did not interfere with the lands of the half-breeds, and upon those lands Mr. Valin has already made a payment of over \$13,000. The even numbered sections, of course, are open to homestead entry in the same way as other lands throughout the North-West.

Mr. CASGRAIN. As my hon. friend, the member for Montmorency (Mr. Valin), admits that he has received these lands, I would like to know their extent, the price paid upon them, and what is due. I think that information should be granted.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). Certainly.

Mr. CASGRAIN. I would say to my hon. friend that his memory may be short, but he should be more accurate in representing what I stated. I never said he was associated, in obtaining these lands, with the hon. the Minister of Public Works. I never asserted that at all. I will give