

those who are requested to produce papers, etc., a subpoena *duces tecum*, will be issued. These subpoenas will be sent to you to have them served, and you can then notify each person to bring the papers, etc., required.

"In regard to the advertisements of the Collegiate Institute sent to the *Globe*, etc., the Minister must assume that they were authorized by the Board, and therefore witnesses from the paper to which they were sent are unnecessary.

"The Minister notices that many of your charges practically involve an inquiry into the state and efficiency of the Collegiate Institute by the Commissioner. As the Inspectors have already performed this duty on behalf of the Department, the Minister is of opinion that such an inquiry cannot be entertained; but the Commissioner will have copies of the reports of the Inspectors with him, so that it will not be necessary to have the Inspectors subpoenaed.

"The same may be said of the Registrar of the University, who need not be subpoenaed, especially as the certificate issued by him is quoted by you and speaks for itself. Particulars of each case you mention will be obtained from the Registrar by the Commissioner.

"The attendance of the Minister is also entirely unnecessary, as the Commissioner will have with him all the documents in the case on the files of the Department.

"In submitting so extensive a list of witnesses, you may possibly assume that the Minister will defray their expenses. This he cannot engage to do, although, after the case is decided, he will consider the question on its merits, and in the interests of the public.

"With the exceptions named, the Minister will obtain subpoenas from the High Court of Justice for each parties as you have named, as being required to be examined by the Commissioner.

"I have, etc.,

ALEX. MARLING,

"Secretary.

"JOHN IDINGTON, Esq., Q.C.,
"Stratford."

NOTE.—Subsequently, subpoenas were issued for all of the parties named below by Mr. Idington.

COPY OF THE COMMISSION.

"EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ONTARIO.

"TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME :

"I, THE HONORABLE GEORGE WILLIAM ROSS, LL.B., MINISTER OF EDUCATION FOR ONTARIO, SEND GREETING :—

"Under and by virtue of the powers and authorities conferred upon me by the Statutes of Ontario in that behalf, and upon the petition of John Idington, Q.C., of the City of Stratford, that an investigation be held, I do hereby appoint—

"JOHN GEORGE HODGINS, Esq., LL.D., DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION,

"A COMMISSIONER, to enquire into and report to me upon certain allegations and charges, chiefly of gross and repeated falsehoods and misrepresentation, on the part of William McBride, M.A., Head Master of the Collegiate Institute at Stratford.

"I further direct the said Commissioner to proceed, upon proper notice on that behalf to the parties concerned, and to take the evidence of parties summoned as witnesses in the said inquiry upon oath or solemn affirmation (as the case may be) under the Statutes in that behalf.

"As witness, my hand and seal of office at Toronto, this twelfth day of November, A.D. 1886.

(Signed,) "GEO. W. ROSS, [L.S.]

"Minister of Education.

(Signed,) "ALEX. MARLING,

"Secretary."

LIST OF WITNESSES FURNISHED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY MR. IDINGTON.

John Idington, Peter S. Idington, William McBride, John C. Monteith, John B. Wilson, John M. Moran, Carlos A. Mayberry, Ambrose DeGuerre, Thomas Stoney, Alexander Matheson, Henry Thomas Butler, James Robb, Daniel R. McPherson, Charles W. Young, Samuel Robert Robb, John Mason, Frank Pratt, Cornelius Tracey, James Steet, James Peter Woods, David Scrimgeour, Charles John McGregor, John Brown, William Blair, Major Gray, Robert Hamilton, J. J. Crabbe, William Bradley, D. Munro,