

Mr. Vankoughnet states in the letter in question : " *The Seminary agreed* to erect substantial log-houses, 18 by 24 feet, &c." Here is the misunderstanding. It is in the words "*The Seminary agreed.*" This is a statement on the part of Mr. Vankoughnet which the Seminary denies. And, in fact, as the word *agreed*, employed by Mr. Vankoughnet, implies, the Order-in-Council is of the nature of a contract, which has no value but by the mutual consent of the parties, and solely within the limits of that consent.

Now, the Seminary never consented to build log-houses such as described by Mr. Vankoughnet, but only log-houses, the cost of which should not exceed \$20.00 each.

What proves our assertion is :—

Firstly. The report, made by Mr. Choquet to the Superior of the Seminary, of what took place at the preliminary conference, where the mutual engagements between the Government and the Seminary were entered into.

According to this report there were present in your Cabinet with yourself, Rt. Hon. Sir, the Hon. Mr. Mousseau Secretary of State ; Mr. Vankoughnet, Deputy of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs ; Mr. John McGirr, Special Agent of the Government for the Indians of Oka ; and Mr. Choquet, Agent of the Seminary for the same Indians. All other points of the arrangement being settled, it was sought to oblige the Seminary, over and above what already weighed upon it, to pay the sum of at least \$40.00 in money to each family. The Agent of the Seminary having observed that he was instructed not to accept that condition, you yourself, Right Hon. Sir, proposed as a compromise that the Seminary should be bound to furnish each family with a log-house, the cost of