

That is known to be the case, but discrimination in this instance would be somewhat hard to establish, as the same atmosphere binds them all together. The breaking up the King will show who among them are but partially tainted.

The accompanying copy of a letter (found further on) of Mr. Landing Waiter Barry, addressed to the Department at Ottawa, which contains startling and grave accusations preferred against Mr. Delisle and his Ring—has to receive here some consideration in reference to the details which it omits in a great measure.

Mr. Villeneuve's appetite and digestive powers, on a par with those of his official master and colleague, are, however, of a disorderly or squandering kind, and profit not to him as unto his protector.

Mr. Delisle had Mr. Villeneuve appointed as appraiser on account of his "meritorious services," and has left him many "doors open" to get at *pickings*; but the would-be "*Irishman*" (!) would perhaps have preferred to see him use a little more *dacancy* in these and other operations; it is a hard thing to bend a full-grown tree. As it has become *de bon gout* (of good taste), during these very Pacific times, to make a liberal use of the purses of others or make *loans* (!) *ad libitum* in exchange for LONG promises to pay (!) Mr. Villeneuve being a big and great man—as he controls the Collector and "has the use of public money for years without interest," as stated in Mr. Barry's letter—thought, it must be supposed, that he had just as much right as the Ministers to adopt that wise and lucrative policy.... But will he be able to get up and command a Royal Commission?..... In *giving* up the Aggregate Book to Mr. A. Laurin, his successor (who might perhaps be found to have a more lively memory than Sir Hugh Allan and others), made *loans* to Mr. Villeneuve to the amount of three or five hundred dollars. It is a difficult thing in these troublesome times to get to exact figures. This was a very *legitimate* transaction!

The second very *thankful* victim of Mr. Villeneuve is Mr. Tide Waiter J. Brosseau, now stationed at St. Armand, from whom Mr. Villeneuve obtained a *loan* of about three hundred dollars. But there are interesting particulars in this case which deserve to be mentioned. Mr. Brosseau was living in Montreal when he made this loan to Mr. Villeneuve; he expected that the latter would get him promoted as promised for the *temporary* use of said loan. He pressed the matter, perhaps, a little too much to suit the delicate feelings of the borrower, and having, unluckily for himself, laid in seven cords of good hard wood for winter's use, which cord wood it exactly suited Villeneuve & Co. to have for *their* particular use, the said fuel was turned into another loan—apart from a fine load of hay which afterwards found its way to Mr. Villeneuve's stables to feed one of Mr. Delisle's horses, which happened somehow to be in said stables, &c., &c. Mr. Brosseau was considerably and quietly removed to St. Armand, to reflect philosophically at his leisure on what had happened. He may have found out by this time, not his money, nor any *value* for it, but that Mr. Villeneuve is a very powerful and influential personage; he may be willing to add something to the above. During this operation, Mr. Delisle had been put into a magnetic sleep by Mr. Villeneuve, during which he conversed with the angels and could see only *their* doings.

The third case concerns Mr. D. Goron, ex-clerk in the Long Room (a very deserving young man, and efficient accountant), who, in some way or another, got in also to be helped out by Mr. Villeneuve of a loan of about one hundred and