

tions of certain citizens of Canadian-French origin, the Department's reply to Mr. Ambrose Choquet, and the Dominion Blue Book, containing a full account of the trial and condemnation of Riel, are herewith transmitted. The reports made by the consul at Winnipeg during the course of the trial, it has been deemed unnecessary to send, as they consist merely of extracts from newspapers giving an account of the proceedings.

The position of this Department in regard to the alleged American citizenship of Riel, and his request for diplomatic intervention by the Government of the United States to prevent the execution of the sentence pronounced upon him by the Canadian courts, was fully stated verbally to some of his friends who presented in person one of the petitions above referred to. They were informed that his alleged United States citizenship did not give him any immunity from Canadian laws for offenses committed within their jurisdiction, and that it had been definitely certified to this Department that the offense had been wholly committed within British jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted:

T. F. BAYARD.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, March 2, 1889.

LIST OF INCLOSURES.

1. Mr. J. W. Taylor to Mr. Porter. No 432. July 25, 1885.
2. Same to same. No. 433. August 5, 1885.
3. Mr. J. E. Marier to Mr. Bayard. August 17, 1885.
4. Mr. J. W. Taylor to Mr. Porter. No. 441. September 12, 1885.
5. Petition of the citizens of Wayland, Mass. August 18, 1885.
6. Mr. A. Choquet to Mr. Bayard. October 15, 1885.
7. Mr. Bayard to Mr. A. Choquet. October 27, 1885.
8. Report of the Department of Militia and Defense of the Dominion of Canada upon the suppression of the rebellion in the Northwest Territories in 1885.
9. Epitome of Canadian Parliamentary documents in connection with the Northwest rebellion.

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Mr. Taylor to Mr. Porter.

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UNITED STATES CONSULATE,
Winnipeg, July 25, 1885. (Received July 30.)

SIR: I received by the mail of yesterday a letter from Mr. Louis Riel, dated the 21st and posted at Regina on the 23d instant, a copy of which is herewith inclosed.

In reply I have informed Mr. Riel that his communication and full details of the proceedings at Regina will be furnished by me to the State Department at Washington.

I inclose a letter of Riel to a wealthy friend, of Quebec, who has generously secured the services of counsel for defense; and also more detailed reports of the trial at Regina.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES W. TAYLOR.

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