

There, too, he formed a connection, by marriage, with the family of a member of this House, a circumstance to which, perhaps, he has been indebted for some of the asperities of the public press.

When the arrangements were being made for Red River, I am not surprised that the Government, desirous to avail themselves of the services of a gentleman of such large and varied experience, offered him an appointment in the West. He proceeded there, and, with the rest of the party, was barred out of the Territory.

A great effort has been made to cast ridicule upon Captain Cameron for what took place at Pembina. The *Globe* has been at great pains to retail some sneering observation said to have been made by the postmaster of that place. Now, I do not know what may be the exact value of the opinion of a petty official of the United States in a frontier hamlet, consisting of a few huts. I would not have thought myself of quoting his opinion, but as the press which sympathises with the gentlemen in opposition has thought fit to do so, he is their witness and not mine. Now, it just so happens that I hold in my hand a letter from this same postmaster, written on the 18th February, and as the Honorable Member for North Lanark seems to attach some importance to this gentleman's sayings, he will have the gratification to find that he does not confine himself to Captain Cameron alone, but gives some opinions about others of the same party.

I read from the letter:—

"We were sorry to lose the Captain and his lady, as they were very much liked by all of us."

"I must admit that our first impressions of the Captain were not very flattering. Probably from some of his eccentricities, but more from the ignoring of him by all the party that he came with, as they denied in toto that he was one of them—that he was a hanger-on to their party whom they picked up somewhere on the road, or in the settlement—that they had nothing to do with him, he not being a member of their Council, nor to their knowledge had he any appointment, or promise of appointment, from the Canadian Government. Even Governor McDougall, in the meeting held with the Pembina officials, in the Customs Office, gave him a sneering uncalled-for cut, for which he received no response whatever, as by that time we learned to estimate the Captain as *the best man of the lot*."

"I do not write this in a spirit of maliciousness, but simply to do justice to one for whom we all have the highest regard as a gentleman, a good and kind neighbour, and, laying aside his eccentricities, as being superior to those who calumniated him."

"You will please say to them, for us, that should they ever come this way again, they will meet a cordial welcome from all here."

But, Sir, I will call other evidence from the Opposition quarter.

The Reporter of the *Globe* and the Reporter of the *Telegraph* were both sent out of the Territory, and on their return, these gentlemen bore testimony to the high character which Capt. Cameron bore while on the confines of the Territory.

And now, Mr. Speaker, I have to thank the House for the kind indulgence with which they have listened to observations which partake of so much personal nature. I