

EXPOSURE OF THE INFAMOUS PARISIAN COMMISSION.

It has been fully decided not to allow the outrageous treatment of Catholic employes of the Government by the political party now in power at Ottawa to pass.

The Solicitor General forgot to mention that owing to the criticisms in this House last session, and owing to the reiterated demands of the engineer Mr. Devlin, another commission was appointed to investigate the commissioners on whose report the deputy-warden, storekeeper and engineer were dismissed.

Mr. Devlin, the late engineer, asked for this commission and it was appointed. Any hon. gentleman who refers to the report of the commissioners will find that some three pages of it were covered with charges against Mr. Devlin.

Should the case come under our attention any matter reflecting upon your official conduct notice will be given you, and ample opportunity offered to call witnesses if necessary to make clear your relation to them.

Mr. McGregor. Do you not know anything about it. Mr. Quinn. I do know about it, because having taken the interest in this matter last session, and knowing the manner in which these commissioners conducted the inquiry, I took the trouble of going to Kingston to be present at the investigation, and I heard the evidence adduced before the commissioner, and I know what I am speaking about.

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I must also respectfully state that having no legal training, I am unable by myself without a counsel to conduct my defence in a way to do justice to myself and properly bring before your commission the facts upon which your commission shall have to report.

I therefore beg to request your commission to allow me the assistance of the legal counsel to properly defend not only my honour and position, but also to protect and defend the honour of this institution and of those of my co-officers who might be affected by the investigation.

St. Vincent de Paul, 20th April, 1897. The answer given by Mr. Noxon, the chairman of the commissioners, to this letter:

St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal 24th April, 1897. Sir.—The commissioners having considered your request to be represented by counsel during the investigation into the arrangement of the institution under your charge, we have to advise that no one is employed to prosecute the investigation to your prejudice, and it is not essential to an intelligent pursuit of our inquiries that counsel be employed by you to direct us in respect to them.

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The commissioners commenced their investigation into the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary in the month of April, 1897. They proceeded with the investigation, and towards the month of August they had practically completed their labours.

So that these commissioners did not, in accordance with the letter which they sent to Mr. Ouimet, give him any notice of the charges brought against him, or the witnesses who gave evidence before him; but, contrary to their letter, they sent to the Department of Justice in August, 1897, a report, as a result of which Mr. Ouimet was dismissed from his position as warden.

My hon. friends will find by the report that whereas these specific charges were communicated to Mr. Ouimet about the 15th September, yet because of the absence of his counsel and witnesses, there were numerous delays, all resulting from the action of the warden, and I concurred in these delays asked for by him.

Now, my hon. friend, I am sure, stated then what he believed to be accurate in every particular. I do not charge him with lack of information on this question, and I charge the commissioners with having made these representations to the Department of Justice in order to cover up their own neglect of duty; because I am informed by Mr. Ouimet—leading counsel of Montreal, whom I am sure my hon. friend would believe even against the commissioners—that only on one occasion was the commission prevented from sitting as usual on account of the absence of Mr. Ouimet's counsel.

That was one occasion on which Mr. Greenshield was obliged to be absent from Montreal, and could not attend the sitting of the commission. On every other occasion when the commissioners could not proceed with their investigations, it was due to the absence of one of the commissioners. I think three adjournments occurred, either on account of the absence of one of the commissioners or on account of the inability of the commissioners to proceed, due solely to themselves.

I have too much respect for the Solicitor General to think that he was a party to what was done by these commissioners, but let me read for his information the demands which were made by Mr. Ouimet, then warden of St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, at the time the commissioners first began their inquiry, and we shall see from it how the commissioners acted at that time. The letter is as follows:

no sitting at St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary then; there was no chance given to him to cross-examine the witnesses who had given evidence against him, there was no chance given to call witnesses in his defence. They were poor men, and he was obliged to bring them to Montreal to the St. Lawrence Hall, and pay their expenses. He could not, of course, get one of the convicts of the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary out of the prison to give evidence in his favor, and it was impossible to cross-examine them on any evidence they had given against him.

At times I have been unable to get my clothes on or off without assistance, and have often been compelled to have my food cut for me at table. In the winter of 1897 I was attacked with the grippe which settled in my kidneys. I then became so ill that I was compelled to abandon all employment. At that time my liver and kidneys combined in what seemed to me their last attack. I used several medicines and doctored in Buffalo and St. Catharines without getting any relief, so my confidence in medicine was about gone.

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Death of a Well-Known Irish Priest. MITCHELSTOWN, Ireland, June 25.—Mitchelstown to-day presented an aspect of the deepest sorrow and mourning for the death of its venerable pastor and greatest benefactor.

Admiral Camara, commanding the Spanish Cadiz fleet, is English on his mother's side, for his father, who was a marine captain, married a Miss Livermore, of Liverpool.

Bishop Dowling of Hamilton has appointed Rev. P. Donovan pastor of the new parish of East Brantford.

On the curb in Chicago at the opening of day September wheat was quoted at 71c at the close September wheat was quoted at 68c; puts on September wheat 67c, calls 62c; puts on September corn 33c, calls 32c.

Wheat—The market is unsettled, the offerings are not large and prices are practically unchanged. There were sales of red winter at 78c west, but a good many holders are asking 80c or more.

The Madrid correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Tuesday night, says:—Disorder is spreading among the military, the crowds in the city are getting riotous, and everywhere signs are apparent that the population is arming for war.

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