

Proposed Amendment to the first part of Charge 9.

In the preparation of the said circular he spoke of Mr. Mayberry as having obtained first-class honors in Classics Mathematics and English during his course at Toronto University.

Proposed Amendment to the first part of Charge 13.

Though one of the Stratford newspapers partially corrected this yet he prepared an advertisement for insertion in the daily *Globe* and *Mail* which stated amongst other things as follows: Number attending last half year 215. 1884 record at Toronto University passed 29 out of 32 and obtained 13 first-class honors and 11 second-class honors at Departmental Examinations obtained 6 "A's" 10 "B's" 12 "III's" and 14 "J's" and handed same to members of the Board or to the Board to procure its adoption.

New Charge, No. 29.

And an amendment making an additional charge had recently before the Board when they desired the Departmental Report on Examinations he nutrally alleged it was private and confidential for his use and that the Board had no right to demand it.

INTERIM REPORT BY THE COMMISSIONER.

To the Honourable GEORGE W. ROSS, LL.B.,
Minister of Education.

DEAR SIR,—My report on the result of the investigation, which I recently held in Stratford, in the case of Idington vs. McBride, is nearly ready for your consideration.

In the meantime, I desire to inform you that, upon a careful analysis of the voluminous evidence in the case, my conclusions are that the evidence presented has not sustained any of the Charges brought by Mr. Idington against Mr. McBride.

I am, dear Sir, very sincerely yours,

TORONTO, 4th January, 1887.

J. GEORGE HODGINS,
Commissioner.

NOTE.—A copy of the foregoing was sent to the Chairman of the Board, also to Mr. John Idington and Mr. William McBride, on the 6th January, 1887.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

TO THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, IN THE MATTER
OF IDINGTON vs. McBRIDE, STRATFORD.

In terms of the Commission issued to me to enquire into certain complaints preferred against William McBride, M.A., by Mr. John Idington, Q.C., of Stratford, I opened the Commission in the Town Hall Council Chamber of that city on Tuesday, the 23rd November, and closed it on Saturday, the 11th December, 1886. Mr. Idington was, for part of the time, represented by Mr. J. E. Harding, as Counsel, and Mr. McBride during the whole of the investigation by Mr. James Fleming, M.P.

The case was an unusually protracted one. This arose partly from the gravity of the Charges preferred—"gross and repeated falsehoods and misrepresentation"—and partly also from the fact the Complainant repeatedly pressed upon the notice of the