

requiring prompt action. He took the responsibility of attending the meeting, and of signing the resolutions which had been adopted, and which had been published in the papers. He had reason to believe that the Orangemen, on account of four societies—St. George's, St. Andrew's, St. Jean Baptiste, and Irish Protestant Benevolent—having signed the resolutions, had relinquished and given up their procession. At the meeting above referred to, a strong resolution had been passed calling upon the Mayor to take steps for the protection of the citizens and property, and with that understanding the resolutions had been signed. On the 12th the city had been found to be in possession of a mob, and no police were to be seen. Things became serious when the man was murdered, and Mr. McMaster, I.P.B.S., himself and other presidents waited upon the Mayor and remonstrated with him for breaking faith. The Mayor received the deputation in what he might term a very queer manner to say the least of it. The deputation found the Mayor, Chief of Police, and Police Committee sitting in the Central Station, sending out occasionally men in plain clothes to see if there was any trouble, and if any damage was being done. It appeared as if they were afraid to show themselves. He had represented the existing state of affairs to the Mayor, and charged him with allowing the city to have got into possession of a mob. The Mayor replied that these were things to be expected in times like these. He said he would not call out the Military. The Police Committee said nothing, and he was satisfied that nothing was done to preserve the peace, and that the Mayor could not show that he had done anything to assure the deputation that he would act for the preservation of peace. If he (the President) had acted wrongly he regretted it, but he believed that he had acted for the best.

Several members expressed their approval of the President's action in the matter, others expressed their disapproval of the Mayor's gross incapacity under the circumstances.

The President explained the manner in which the invitation had been received for St. Andrew's Society to co-operate with other Societies.