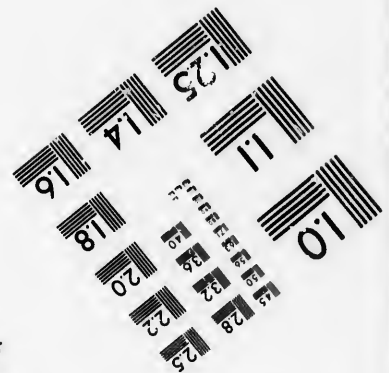
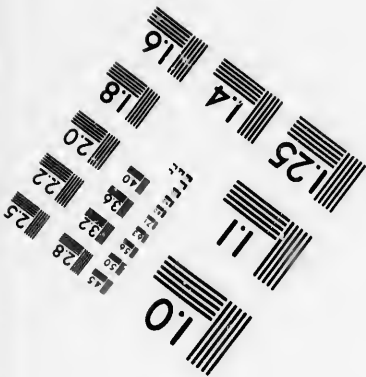
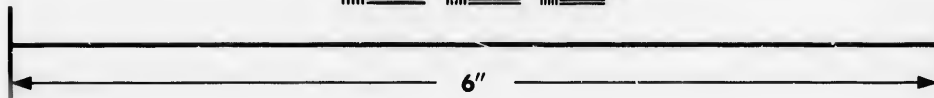
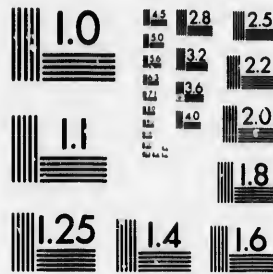


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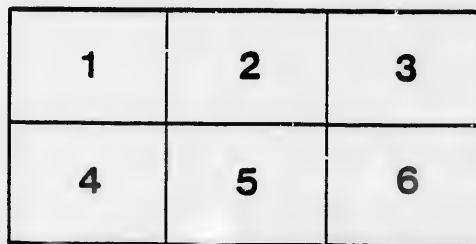
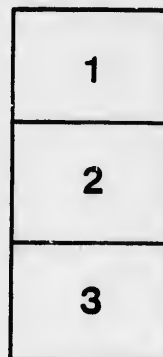
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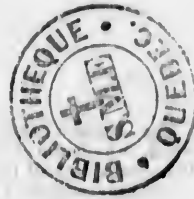
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## The Lucky Brother-in-law.

Seeing from the motions of Mr. Tarte asking for the correspondence, that the scandalous transaction by which the brother-in-law of the Premier profited largely, was known in all its details, Messrs. Joly, Marchand and Langelier made the best of a bad case and put a bold front on it.

We specially name these three Ministers for it is they who are most directly guilty.

The papers laid before the House yesterday establish the most complete proof of the dishonesty which presided over the act whereby the Government, whereof Mr. Joly is chief, has sacrificed to the brother-in-law of the Premier for the sum of \$5,000, a mortgage of \$17,000.

Here are the facts such as proved by the correspondence which the Cabinet has been compelled to produce and by the authentic acts which are to be produced at the Committee of Enquiry:—

The Government held a mortgage of \$17,000.00 on the farm of Notre Dame des Anges.

On the 22nd January, 1878, Mr. Gowen became desirous of acquiring the rights of the Government and offered a sum of \$3000.00.

Hon. Mr. Garneau, positively refused to accede to this, acting on the advice of

the agent of the Jesuits' property, to which this property belongs.

Mr. W. J. Bickell offered Mr. Langelier the sum of \$4,500. The Minister replied that he wanted \$10,000 for it.

This refusal is by letter dated 22nd February, 1879.

On the 15th May, 1879, Mr. Gowen, Mr. Joly's brother-in-law paid off the Government mortgage for \$5,000!

And before selling him for that amount an asset for which some days previously Mr. Langelier had asked \$10,000 they took precautions to make Mr. Gowen withdraw an offer of \$8,000 he had made for the same mortgage!

What were the measures taken to make this present to the brother-in-law of the Prime Minister!

After having refused \$8,000 from Mr. Gowen himself, after having asked \$10,000 of Mr. Bickell, after having obtained from Mr. Philip Huot the evaluation of the Government's asset, what did Mr. Langelier accept? An evaluation of \$5,000 made by a Mr. McGee and the Notary Bignell, who has a mortgage on the property for \$2,000, posterior to that of the Government and which Mr. Gowen, brother-in-law of the Premier, has bound himself to pay over and above the \$5,000 he has to pay the Government.

Were you aware of this, gentlemen of the Ministry? Mr. Joly knew of it no doubt for, for some time past, he interfered in the transactions.

The Premier may verify the dates which we place before him and which the Committee of Investigation will in its turn investigate.

On the 21st March 1870, by an authentic act passed before the same Notary Bignell, who has just estimated at \$5,000 the farm of Notre Dame des Anges, Hammond Gowen, the fortunate brother-in-law, and the Hon. H. G. Joly acquired a mortgage for \$7,369, coming after that of the Government!! *i. e.* Mr. Joly himself set a great value on the property by buying so large an asset which was to be paid after that of the Crown Lands only.

Well! Mr. H. Gowen, the fortunate brother-in-law, has bound himself to pay this mortgage to the heirs Gowen, amongst whom is Mr. Joly, by the deed of purchase from the Government.

The Government estimated the farm of Notre Dame des Anges at \$5,000.

We defy the ministers to deny the following facts:—

Gowen, besides these \$5,000 paid to the Department of Crown Lands, paid Mr. Blekell \$5,000 for half the property. Moreover he bound himself to pay to the heirs Gowen their share of the mortgage, *i. e.* about \$5,000.

And moreover the mortgage of Mrs. Bignell *i. e.* about \$5000. Thus Gowen has paid or has bound himself to pay about \$12,000 besides the \$5,000 paid to Government, proving thereby that he himself estimates at a very high figure this property which in reality is very valuable.

The Government accepted the evaluation of the Notary Bignell for \$5,000.

It is on the 15th May that for that amount it renounced its mortgage.

On the 13th May 1879, Mr. Hammond Gowen, the fortunate brother-in-law, borrowed \$9,600 from Miss Bowen, giving as security this same farm of Notre Dame Des Anges!! And the notary who raised this loan for Gowen was Mr. P. A. Shaw, brother-in-law of Notary Bignell the evaluator at \$5,000!

A property on which \$9,600 is borrowed, is at least worth twice that amount, for a lender does not risk his money without such a margin in these hard times.

And Messrs. Montzambert and Pemberton, who are the agents of Miss Bowen did not invest their funds without the best of security.

This loan of \$9,600 sums up the whole affair, and shows the odium of the trans-

saction; it is to Miss Bowen, who lent money to Gowen, that the Government has ceded its rights; as the deed passed between her and the Commissioner of Crown Lands, mention is made of the Gowen Loan, *i. e.*, that the Ministers who took part in this transaction, knew that Gowen was borrowing \$9,600 on a property which was mortgaged to the Government for \$17,000, which \$17,000 they were sacrificing for \$5,000 to the brother-in-law of the Prime Minister, who had himself a lien on it to secure the transaction.

In our next issue we shall have more crushing details.

We do not know if the other Ministers, Messrs. Chauveau, Starnes, Ross and Mercier were aware of this unjustifiable act. They will become responsible for it if they continue to sit with their colleagues who perpetrated it.

[Mr. Tarte, M.P.P. has moved in the House for a Committee to investigate the matter.]

On the 22nd of January, in 1878, Mr. Hammond Gowen, who has just acquired for \$5,000, rights which the Government held to the amount of \$17,000 wrote to the Hon. Mr. Garneau, then Commissioner of Crown Lands, the following letter:—

QUEBEC, Jan. 22 1878.

To the Hon. P. GARNEAU,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Sir,—It is now about 40 years ago, that the Government of the day ceded a lot of land known under the name of "the farm of Notre Dame des Anges" to one Mr. Smith at a constituted rental of one hundred and thirty two pounds a year.

Subsequently this property fell into the hands of P. G. Huot, then a politician, and the collection of this revenue was abandoned. I cannot say how many years those arrears are due. During the last five years I have been sole proprietor of this farm and I wished to obtain the complete proprietorship of it.

For this purpose then, Sheriff sales were requisite, but I find that it is impossible to proceed further without previously obtaining from the Government a transfer of these claims. I can offer eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars cash, for this claim under the condition of settling matters directly with yourself. It is very difficult to do so in any other way than in that which I propose to you,

and as the affair admits of no delay, will you have the kindness to refer it to some one who is posted and can give his opinion as soon as possible. I shall be happy to give him all the information required.

I have the honor to be your obdt. servt.  
(Signed) H. GOWEN.

Mr. Garneau referred this letter to Mr. Philippe Huot agent of the Jesuit Estate. The following is his reply:—

QUEBEC, Jan. 25, 1878.

To the Hon. P. GARNEAU,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SIR,—Relating to the request of H. Gowen, Esq., offering eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) for the whole claim due the Government on the Notre Dame des Anges farm, I have the honor to report that this farm was sold to Chas. Smith, by letters patent dated June 24, 1828, for the sum of.....\$ 8,800 00

The tenure of this farm was commuted by T.R. Smith, the 7th October, 1854 for the sum of..... 861 66

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That the arrears at present amount to..... 6,371 99

I therefore think that the offer of Mr. H. Gowen should be refused; he should certainly pay all the capital and part of the arrears.

I think that under the circumstances, if Mr. Gowen offered to pay eleven or twelve thousand dollars it would be to the benefit of the Government to accept it.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your very humble servant,  
P. HUOT,  
Agent J. E.

Mr. Gowen well knowing the value of the property, pressed the matter, and on February 5th, 1878 wrote to Mr. Garneau, still urging him to accept his offer which was again refused, as being far below its value.

Mr. Joly, the brother-in-law of Mr. Gowen became the head of the Government. Then the assault recommenced, and on the 15th of May, 1879, Mr. Gowen obtained the fine gift of twelve thousand dollars at the expense of the Province.

To make the public fully acquainted with the huge fraud which the Cabinet have instituted in favor of relations and friends of ministers, let them read the following:—

On the 13th February, 1879, Mr. Meville Dechene, advocate of Quebec, wrote to Mr. Langelier, Commissioner of Crown Lands, in the name of Mr. Bickell a letter in which he stated "Mr. Bickell desired, if it were possible to come to terms with the Government of this Province to settle this matter. Mr. Bickell would be inclined to pay and offered to pay to the Government the sum of \$4,500 for the claim, and this immediately, under condition that the Government would grant him a receipt for all claims whatever which might be against the property, capital and interest."

What was the reply of Mr. Langelier? He referred the question to Mr. Philippe Huot, who on the 17th February, 1879 made the following report.

QUEBEC, Feb. 17, 1879.

To the Hon. FRS. LANGELIER,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

SIR,—Respecting the offer of four thousand five hundred dollars made by Mr. G. Meville Dechene for Mr. W. J. Bickell, in his letter of the 13th inst., which was referred to me to report on, in payment of all the claims which the government had on Notre Dame des Anges farm. I have the honor to report that this offer does not cover EVEN THE HALF OF THE CAPITAL OF A SINGLE CLAIM OF THE CROWN on this property and that Mr. Gowen having in January 1878 offered eight thousand dollars for the same purpose, and having since expressed his intention of paying TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS if the government would accept them which offer is yet open, I CANNOT SEE HOW THE GOVERNMENT COULD ENTERTAIN THE OFFER OF MR. BICKELL FOR A MOMENT. Besides, the property in question is worth twice the amount offered even in these hard times of general depression.

Thus for these reasons alone without speaking of many others which it is useless to enumerate I think the offer of Mr. Bickell should be refused. The whole humbly submitted.

(Signed) P. HUOT,  
Agent J. E.

On this report of Mr. Huot, Mr. Langelier wrote to Mr. Dechene the interesting letter which we place before our readers:—

DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS,  
QUEBEC, 27th Feb., 1879.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., in which you offer on the part of Mr. Bickell a sum of four thousand

five hundred dollars for the claim which the Government has against him, and on the property known as Notre Dame des Anges farm, I have the honor to inform you that the Government cannot accept this offer, seeing that it has already refused an offer of eight thousand dollars for the same claim. WITHOUT ENGAGING previously to accept, the Government would be disposed to take into consideration an offer of ten thousand dollars.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed,) F. LANGELIER,

Minister of Crown Lands.

G. MEVILLE DEGENNE, Esq.,  
Advocate, Quebec.

On the 15th of May for five thousand (\$5,000) dollars Mr. Gowen became proprietor of the claim for which on the 22nd of February Mr. Langelier refused to bind himself to accept ten thousand dollars.

On the 22nd of February you see it was Mr. Bickell with whom Mr. Langelier treated, and Mr. Bickell is not the brother in-law of the Hon. H. G. Joly prime minister of the province.

As our readers have seen by the report of Mr. Philippe Huot, quoted by us yesterday, and by the letter of Mr. Langelier to Mr. Dechene, the Government refused to enter into an engagement of an offer at the least of \$10,000 on the part of Mr. Bickell.

The report of Mr. Huot is dated the 17th February and the letter of Mr. Langelier the 22nd, of same month.

Hammond Gowen, the happy brother-in-law, who held the cards, seeing that the Government had refused to negotiate with Mr. Bickell, inasmuch as he had not commenced by an offer of \$10,000 thought that it was time to give the final stroke.

Mr. Marchand, who made his apprenticeship as a speculator in a canal job, replaced in the Crown Lands the "scrupulous" Frs. Langelier.

The report of Mr. Huot and the letter of Mr. Langelier asking \$10,000 were both precious documents.

There was also the offer of Mr. Gowen dated the 22nd January 1878 to pay \$8,000 for the Government rights, and, according to Mr. Huot, a further offer by Mr. Gowen to pay even \$10,000.

It was necessary however to relieve Mr. Gowen. Mr. Marchand undertook the task. In three or four questions put in writing to Mr. Huot, official pressure

was brought to bear to seek a subterfuge to induce this public officer to depreciate the value of the Government claims.

This Government functionary was asked "but if the property was sold by the Sheriff without delay, immediately, what price would it fetch? But if proceedings were instantly taken what would be the result, etc.?"

Mr. Philippe Huot, who in his report of the 17th February recommended at least \$10,000, dared not draw back; he tampered and hesitated. He explained himself as follows:

"QUEBEC, April 29, 1879.

To the Honorable H. G. MARCHAND,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands;

Sir,—In reply to three questions which have been asked me at the foot of my report, dated the 17th February 1878, in reference to the offer of Mr. J. Bickell of the sum of \$4,500 cash, in settlement of all Government claims against Notre Dame des Anges farm, I have the honor to report, firstly, that if judicial proceedings were taken against Messrs. Gowen and Bickell and Notre Dame des Anges farm now sold, it might happen that in the crisis now pending this property would not fetch more than \$4,500."

If the property were sold it might happen etc.

Yes, it *might happen* but *this is what happened*, that on the 15th May, Gowen borrowed \$9,000 on this property!!!

The public can now see by what shameful means, Mr. Hammond Gowen has been brought officially upon the scene.

We must read the end of Mr. Huot's letter.

"Mr. Bickell's offer cannot be accepted I think without informing Mr. Gowen, for he offered \$8,000 and I am told afterwards withdrew this offer."

This is a "hearsay" which we shall explain at the enquiry, for in the report of the 17th February 1879 which we published yesterday Mr. Huot says:

"I have the honor to report that this offer does not cover even the half of the capital of a single claim of the Crown on this property and that Mr. Gowen in January 1878 offered eight thousand dollars for the same purpose, and having since expressed his intention of paying ten thousand dollars if the Government would accept them, which offer is still open."

On the 17th of February the agent of the Notre Dame des Anges property in-



formed Mr. Marchand that Gowen had expressed his intention of paying \$10,000 and THAT THIS OFFER WAS STILL OPEN.

On the 29th April, Mr. Huot was informed that the offer had been withdrawn!!!

Had it been so, who knew better than Mr. Huot? He was the agent of the property. And in any case had the offer been withdrawn it could have taken place only since the 17th February, when at that date Mr. Huot says it was still open.

Mr. Marchand.—Notwithstanding his experience in managing jobs such as those of canals, denies the pretension that Gowen withdrew his offer of ten thousand dollars, he prevaricates. Here is official proof written by his own hand.

"Write to Mr. Gowen asking him if he is ready to make good his offer of \$8,000 in his letter of the 22nd January, 1878, to the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

(Signed,) F. G. M.

1st May, 1879."

The first of May the offer of \$8,000 was not withdrawn, Mr. Marchand then wrote to Gowen, asking him if he wished to make it good.

As may be seen by the reply of Mr. Gowen, the letter written by the order of Mr. Marchand was to permit the brother in law of the Premier to place in the record a semblance of justification of the trick which was being carried out.

Without waiting for Mr. Huot, Mr. Marchand wrote himself, not daring doubtless to trust to his employees the iniquity which he was about to perpetrate. The following is the other:—

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT,  
QUEBEC, 1st May, 1879.

SIR,—I wish to know if you are ready to carry out your offer of \$8,000, made in your letter of the 22nd January, 1878 to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, for the Government claim against the Notre Dame des Anges farm.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Signed,) F. G. MARCHAND.  
C. C. L.

Gowen's reply is as follows:—

QUEBEC, 1st May, 1879.

To the Honorable Commissioner of Crown Lands,

SIR,—In reply to your letter of to-day, asking me to inform you of the line of

conduct which I propose to follow in reference to my offer of the 22nd January, 1879, in regard to the Government claim against the Notre Dame Des Anges farm. I have the honor to inform you that I withdrew it a short time after making it, and that I do not intend to renew it, for I consider under present circumstances that it is altogether excessive.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Signed,) H. GOWEN.

On the 17th February, Mr. Huot, stated, the offer of Mr. Gowen for \$10,000 was opened. On the 1st of May Mr. Marchand asked him if he wished to make it good, and on the same day Gowen replied that he had withdrawn this offer a short time after it had been made.

Where is the letter in which this offer was withdrawn? It is false and iniquitous! If this letter exists the Government has hidden it, for it is not in the correspondence brought before the House.

It appears the affair was pressing, for on the same day even, the 1st of May Mr. Marchand gave an order to transfer to Mr. Gowen the rights of the Government for \$5,000.

"Seeing the reply of Mr. Gowen in his letter of to-day, (No. 2273) that he had long since withdrawn his offer of \$8,000 and that he is no longer disposed to make it good, Mr. Dechenes should be informed that considering the payment of \$5,000 cash, a full discharge shall be given of the Government claims against the Notre Dame des Anges farm. Instructions accordingly must be given to the agent.

(Signed,) F. G. M.  
1st May, 1879.

A report in accordance with this view to be submitted to the Honorable Executive Council.

(Signed,) F. G. M.

It will be borne in mind by the public that it was on the first of May that Mr. Marchand authorised the transfer of the Government rights. We shall to-morrow see the importance of this date.

## THE Gowen-Bickell Sale!

### A Fearful Scandal Unearthed!

The papers in the Gowen-Bickell matter have been secured, and will be presented to the public in a few days. It is a deep scandal unearthed. How Mr. Joly could have so forgotten himself as to allow two debtors to the Province, one of whom is no less a personage than his brother-in-law, Mr. Gowen, to secure a discount of \$10,000, without any just reason or cause,

requires explanation. Let the poor man owe one single cent to the Government, as an arrear on his farm, or let the poor widow owe a single dollar for a license debt, and ten chances to one Mr. Joly and his corrupt clique of "Parti-National" men will remove them from their premises, while in more cases they will send them hand-cuffed to jail. Mr. Joly has done for a relative what he would deny a poor man or a widow. We wish to tell Mr. Joly, that he, as a public servant, had, in the Jesuit estate transaction, committed as grave an error as in the lease of the North Shore Railway, and the only way to stop such practices is to condemn the transactions.

