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S U P R E M E C O U R T.

Prince Albert, August 28th, 1897.

To the Honourable,
Sir Oliver Nowat,
Minister of Justice,
O T T A W A.

In re Commission to inquire into and report
upon certain charges of intemperance against Owen E. Hughes,
Sheriff of the Judicial District of Saskatchewan, N.W.T.

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I beg leave to present the following Report of proceedings
by and before me upon the Commission in this matter, dated 17th
July, 1897.

The said Commission was received by me on the 18th
day of August instant.

On the 19th day of August I prepared and caused to
be served upon said Sheriff Hughes and upon R. F. Chisholm, Esq.,
Crown Prosecutor at Prince Albert, and upon Thomas O. Davis, Esq.,
M.P., a copy of the annexed appointment for Saturday the 21st
day of August at the Town Hall.

At said appointed time and place I opened said
Commission and Mr R. F. Chisholm appeared for the ~~complainant~~
complainant and the said Sheriff appeared also in person with
his Counsel James McKay, Q.C.

A large number of witnesses who had been summoned to
appear were also present.

After reading the Commission and before any witnesses
were called Counsel for the Sheriff stated that owing to the
shortness of notice the Sheriff was not prepared to meet the
said charge. It was suggested, also, that pending an adjournment
action on behalf of the Sheriff would be taken which might
render any further enquiry unnecessary.

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No objection being pressed to the adjournment I accordingly adjourned the enquiry until the 24th instant.

On the 23rd of August I received a telegram (annexed) from the Honourable Solicitor General Fitzpatrick to the effect that the Sheriff having offered to resign in three months I was not to proceed further under the Commission.

In obedience to said telegram I informed the Counsel for the Sheriff that I did not propose continuing the enquiry and that the Sheriff need not appear pursuant to said adjournment. Mr Ohisholm, Counsel for the complainant was also informed of the termination of the enquiry.

I annex my notes of the proceedings on the opening day of the enquiry - also the Commission.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honour to be,

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(sgd) Thomas M. McGuire.
Commissioner.