

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1913.

MR. MAISONVILLE ASKS FOR AN INVESTIGATION

Ready for Inquiry Before an In- dependent Committee

CHALLENGE TO PREMIER

Says Letter Which Committee Rejected
Would Make Interesting Reading
in the Legislature—Wires Also to
Chairman Ferguson.

Mr. H. C. Maisonville, former Private Secretary to Hon. Dr. J. O. Reaume, does not take kindly to the statements made regarding his conduct, as alleged in the investigation into the Proudfoot charges. This recent notoriety has produced a statement from him in Windsor yesterday in reply to the evidence of Hon. W. J. Hanna and Mr. W. K. McNaught, M. P. P. He has wired Mr. G. Howard Ferguson, Chairman of the committee, that he is willing to come to Toronto and testify.

Maisonville tells of his message to Mr. Hanna and of the Minister's promise to go to Detroit and see him, when "everything would be satisfactorily explained." That promise was not kept, and later Mr. Hanna, when called up again, said Thorne had told him that "Maisonville had no such letter" as he pretended to have. Of course it has since been proved that Thorne did write the letter in question, which has since been tendered in evidence before the committee and rejected.

After saying that the reading of the letter in the Legislature even now would certainly add to the gaiety of nations Maisonville thus refers to the Premier's charge that he stole a letter and was dismissed for that offence:

To be candid, I am under no obligation to conceal my animus in this matter. I had personally as much reason to dislike Mr. Hanna as the public now has. At the time of my dismissal I went out of my way to take certain responsibility upon myself that he might not suffer politically through the publication of the Hanna-Pyne-Fallon letter. I even