

DONALD MACPHERSON,
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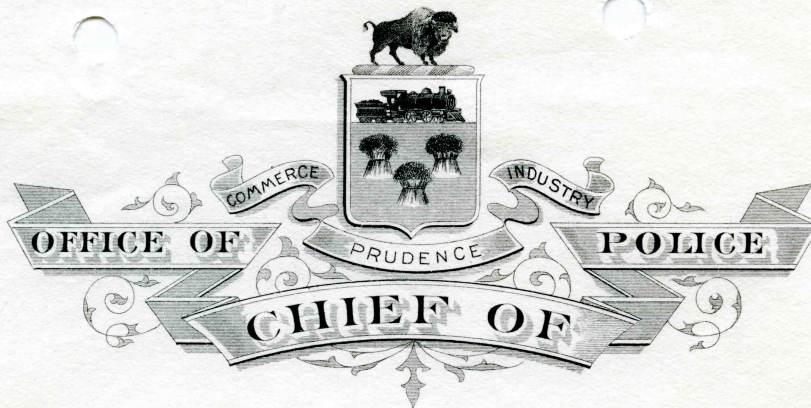
Chairman and Members of the Board of Police Commissioners,
City.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report to you the following circumstances as tending to throw light on conditions existing in the Police Force. On Saturday morning last the President of the Policemens' Union waited on me and made the following statement:-

"Chief, I am delegated by members of the Police Department to inform you that the Police are with you to the finish to enforce law and order and if it is necessary every man on the Department will work 24 hours or any time that you require in order to enforce law and order in the City".

I told him I appreciated this very much. I am informed by Mr Graham, Crown Prosecutor that during an interview in the office of His Worship the Mayor, at which the Chairman of the Commission and the Police Magistrate were present, Mr Russell of the Strike Committee stated that the Policemen were at work by instructions of the Strike Committee, the Policemens' Union having voted unanimously in favor of the Strike and that the Strike Committee could at a moments notice call the Policemen out on strike. In view of the apparent conflict between the statement of the President of the Union and the statement of Mr Russell I feel



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that you should be placed in possession of this information,

I have the honor to be,

Yours obediently,

Donald Macpherson
Chief Constable.