

civilized country, whether they are to be treated after the manner of truculent rebels who have not merely demanded what they call a Bill of Rights, which we as their fellow countrymen would be perfectly willing to give them if they have any grievance under which they suffer, but who have dared to steep their hands in the blood of an unoffending man who came from this country. If these men up there fancy that they have rights in the soil, that they are entitled to have all that property, that they have a right to do with it as they please, and that we are not to go there and that we have no right in it whatever, and they are sending down people to treat with us, as if they had the right to treat with us, in a manner in which they might say they would have, if they were fairly coming before us with claims which we might meet, but if these men are delegates from those who with a self-styled and so-called court-martial have dared to doom a man to death, and thereby murdered him, I say I hope that our Government will be in a position to say, that although prepared to concede, as we all hope that they will concede, everything honourable and just to the people of that territory, that they will take care not to treat with men who come here with their hands red with blood, red with the blood of an unoffending fellow citizen; a man who went there with the guarantee of the Government, under the belief that everything would be rightly and properly conducted, and who had laid down his life because he believed that the same power which protected the poor captive in Abyssinia, would protect the free man in Red River. Now, I hope that the hon. Minister will give us an answer that will set the feelings of the people at rest, knowing as he does that the feelings of the people of the country is excited to a red hot heat, (cheers).

Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald—My hon. friend commenced his remarks by asking the Government and myself, whether we had any later news to give relating to this deplorable event, the murder of this man, than we had when I addressed the House last on the subject. I have simply to state that we have no further intelligence, but the intelligence is complete as to the fact of the man having been shot by a party of men calling themselves a Court Martial. That the man was murdered there can be no doubt. I stated that I would have full information from the Commissioner, who was sent on behalf of the Government on a mission of conciliation, and for the purpose of assisting Governor McTavish to restore order. That gentleman is now in this city, and is preparing a report, and so much of it as can be properly laid before this House will be laid on the table. I suppose that will be done in a

demande honnête et juste aux habitants de ce territoire, saura éviter de traiter avec des hommes dont les mains sont rouges du sang d'un concitoyen innocent. Le malheureux s'était rendu à cet endroit avec l'assurance du Gouvernement que tout se déroulerait dans un climat d'honnêteté et selon les règles; il a payé de sa vie, croyant que le pouvoir qui protège un pauvre captif en Abyssinie, protégerait aussi un homme libre à la Rivière Rouge. J'espère maintenant que l'honorable ministre, sachant à quel point tous les esprits sont embrasés, répondra de manière à les calmer. (Bravo!)

L'honorable sir John A. Macdonald—Mon honorable collègue a commencé par demander au Gouvernement et à moi-même si nous en savions plus sur ce déplorable incident, le meurtre de cet homme, que lors de mon dernier rapport à la Chambre à ce sujet. Nous n'avons aucun autre renseignement, mais nous savons, sans équivoque, que cet homme a été tué par un groupe d'individus qui s'est baptisé «Cour martiale». Son exécution ne fait aucun doute. J'ai dit que j'obtiendrais tous les renseignements voulus du commissaire que le Gouvernement a mandé en mission de conciliation et pour aider le Gouverneur McTavish à rétablir l'ordre. Ce commissaire est de retour et rédige actuellement un rapport. Tout ce qui pourra être divulgué à la Chambre devrait l'être sous peu, je pense. Voilà pour les nouvelles. L'honorable député me demande de plus amples renseignements quant à la ligne de conduite que le