

THE STORY OF THE RIOTS.

THRILLING EVIDENCE.

[We are now in a position to give our readers with the report of the first day's proceedings of the Commission in detail.]

(BY OUR OWN REPORTER.)

As soon as it was announced that the Governor had appointed a Commission to inquire into the causes of the disturbances at Montego Bay, the means adopted to suppress it, its interests were known in the town over the matter, and the recent rioting became the chief topic of conversation.

AN SPIRIT OF DISCONTENT.

It is not necessary to go back to the time when the people were discontented, but it is a fact that the people were discontented, and this was the cause of the rioting.

PREPARING FOR INQUIRY.

Mr. C. J. Phillips, Secretary to the Commission, arrived at Montego Bay on Saturday morning, and was met by the Chief Justice and Colonel Egerton.

A SERMON AT HOLY TRINITY.

Rev. H. A. McCall, B.A., preaching at Holy Trinity Church, a sermon on the text, "I will be a Father to the fatherless," was held in the morning.

OPENING THE COMMISSION.

The Commission opened on Monday at the Railway Station, and was presided over by the Chief Justice.

THE RIOTS REOPENED.

The riots were reopened on Monday, and the Commission heard the evidence of the witnesses.

THE POLICE FORCE.

The police force of the parish consisted of an Inspector, one detective sergeant, and one constable.

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