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MR. BROWN AGAIN GIVES EVIDENCE

HE PROVED HIMSELF UNWILLING WITNESS

Former Executive Agent Admits Hon. Mr. Wells Prevented Company Getting Crown Grants.

The Premier Evaded Him, the Attorney-General Told Stories, and They All Jollied Him.

The Chief Commissioner Questioned All Morning by Mr. Helmcken on the Matter.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Before the commission inquiring into the Columbia & Western subsidy matter yesterday afternoon Geo. McL. Brown was examined, and the first part of this cross questioning by Mr. McCaul was proceeded with. Considerable diffidence was shown by Mr. Brown. He apparently was not anxious to reveal very much in connection with the matter. His evidence carried with it the impression that the C. P. R. was satisfied to let matters rest and not expose the workings of their land subsidy negotiations to any greater extent.

Being examined by Mr. Duff, Mr. Brown said that he had expected to be brought to Montreal. He had not brought all the correspondence for 1901 and 1902 with Montreal on this matter. He did not think that this was what the committee had desired of him. In 1902 during the session of the year 1902 he had considerable business with the government. He also had some correspondence with his principals in Montreal. Most of his correspondence was written by himself. It was mostly with his principals. Copies were not kept usually. Those which he wrote himself he did not keep copies of. Any copies which were made were manifold copies. He never kept letter press copies of letters written in Victoria. All copies in letter, books and otherwise were sent to Montreal. He had not sent for these as he did not think they were required. He had sent for his report. It had not yet arrived. He wired for this on the 3rd of May. He intended when he left after his first examination to go to Montreal personally.

Mr. Duff called attention to the fact that it was twelve days after his examination before he sent for these. Mr. Brown said such was the fact. He had at the present time important business on his hands. He was asked for his report of 1902. He got the correspondence produced when he returned to Vancouver on Sunday. Letters dated 31st July, 1901, 2nd August, 1901, and 11th September, 1901, were received.

The report of 1902 was not yet received. Mr. Duff pointed out that the message he sent to Montreal on 3rd May did not ask for these letters. Mr. Brown said he had not in that telegram. He must have asked for them, however. He felt sure the report would come.

Mr. Duff thought it peculiar they sent letters which were not asked for, and did not send that request. He called attention to the fact that three weeks ago he had expected the same. Mr. Brown said he was negotiating for an absolute certainty in the summer of 1900 for a settlement of the land subsidy of the British Columbia Southern. He probably made a proposal to some members of the government the method by which that subsidy was to be settled. On 10th September, 1900, the government allotted land without giving the two blocks which it was proposed by him should be given.

He remembered that 4,593 and 4,594 were proposed to be given for deficiency block B as originally intended. As a certainty he knew nothing about these two blocks, 4,593 and 4,594 being more valuable than block B. He knew reports were going that these were more valuable. He had appeared before the government he believed with Mr. McPhillips. After that he appeared before the executive, and he supposed he may have urged the substitution of blocks 4,593 and 4,594. After the order-in-council of September 10th he continued to urge that blocks 4,593 and 4,594 should be granted the company. On 19th December this was done. The handwriting on the map accompanying the order-in-council of that date was his. In urging for that settlement he was but doing what he regarded was in the best interests of his company. He did not remember getting a copy of the order-in-council of 19th December. He knew of the granting of this land. He might in the regular order have been going to Montreal, and would therefore take it with him. He had no recollection of the circumstances. He did not know that he applied for crown grants for blocks 4,593 and 4,594.

He did not, as far as he recollected, begin negotiations for the transfer of blocks 4,593 and 4,594 from the British Columbia Southern to the Columbia & Western. He did not know when the negotiations began. They were conducted orally between himself and the Chief Commissioner. He did not remember conferring with the members of the government on this subject. He could not remember when he began negotiations in 1901 for a settlement of the Columbia & Western subsidy matter. Mr. Duff pressed for a more accurate statement, recalling that in former evidence it was dated July 31st.

That was "official negotiations," replied Mr. Brown. The negotiations were begun, he said, by the government. It would be prior to the 31st July. "Who was the medium of communication from the government?" asked Mr. Duff. "No one," replied Mr. Brown. "Finally it was brought out that it came as a tentative suggestion among others from the Chief Commissioner. The letter of 31st July grew out of communications on this matter. It was doubtless the result of a verbal arrangement with the Chief Commissioner. He could not recall his suggesting to Mr. Wells before the latter went up country that the proposal should come to the company from the government. He certainly never made the proposal that this transfer should come as a suggestion from the government. He did not make any such suggestion in order that the railway company might get rid

of any obligations which the British Columbia Southern had to the Crow's Nest Coal Company. The obligations to the coal company would not be lessened by this. It would be binding even if the proposal came from the government.

It being brought to his attention that Mr. Wells had stated that it had been suggested that it should come as a proposal from the government, Mr. Brown said: "Does Mr. Wells really say that? And would he consent to make it as a proposal from the government knowing that?"

But at that juncture Mr. Duff broke in explaining that Mr. Wells had not said that it came to prevent the carrying out of the obligations with the Crow's Nest Coal Company.

When he got a letter from Mr. Turner on 2nd August in reply to actions of the 31st July, Mr. Brown said he did not regard that the matter had assumed a new aspect.

Being shown the description of the lands which were handed in to the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Brown said that these had been prepared by him in Vancouver. Memoranda A and B accompanying the order-in-council of 10th August were familiar to him. He furnished the information upon which they were prepared. He spoke to members of the government whenever he saw them on these matters. It was well known that to get anything it required pushing. He believed that he might have forgotten about the order-in-council of 10th August, 1900, when he was urging in August, 1901, for a settlement.

If he ever did try to get the transfer from the British Columbia Southern to the Columbia & Western in order to avoid an obligation with the Crow's Nest Coal Co. it had never escaped his mind. "Would Mr. Wells for my convenience consent to make the proposal on behalf of the government?" asked Mr. Brown. He could not regard any such statement seriously.

Mr. Duff called attention to the fact order-in-council of 10th August was not prepared until 28th August. Mr. Brown wanted to know who said so. "Would Mr. Wells for my convenience consent to make the proposal on behalf of the government?" asked Mr. Brown. He could not regard any such statement seriously.

Mr. Duff stated that Mr. Gore said so, and that Mr. Gore had further explained that the council decided the matter from his (Mr. Brown's) draft. Mr. Brown had no explanation of that. He presumed he was referring to the proof of the bill.

He could not remember asking any gentleman to assist in this bill's preparation when Mr. McCaul was acting professionally for him. He was with Mr. Taylor a great deal as personal friends.

He did not know how the company intended to deal with blocks 4,593 and 4,594. Sir Thos. Shaughnessy never told him that these lands were going to go to a land company. He did not know of Mr. Taylor's interesting himself in a land company. If Mr. Taylor was acting in that way he was not doing it in himself (Mr. Brown) or the company.

He did not recollect that he handed bill 87 of 1902 to the King's printer. It was quite possible. He did not remember it.

Mr. McCaul called attention to the fact that when he appeared before the committee on April that he had promised to revive his mind in the matter and get further acquainted with the matter.

Mr. Brown admitted that he had not obtained these documents as he had been occupied with other duties. He had no power of attorney for the Columbia & Western. He was a director. He believed that Sir Thos. Shaughnessy had instructed him to act for the company.

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of the grants for blocks 4,593 and 4,594. He said he would take them to Montreal as he wished to ask something from Sir Thos. Shaughnessy about building to Spence's Bridge. He (Mr. Brown) went to Montreal partially on that business. In Montreal he saw Mr. Taylor. He did not know that he ever took Mr. Taylor's advice in matters. He might incidentally have done so without Mr. Taylor being his paid counsel.

He remembered seeing Mr. Wells in Hamilton after being referred to Mr. Taylor describing Wells's reasons for not handing over these grants as ridiculous. As his return he was pressing for the delivery of these grants. He spoke to different members of the government about it.

There was no question but that Mr. Wells was the one who stood in the way of the delivery of these grants. Mr. Duff told him that Mr. Wells had told him what passed between Mr. Wells and Mr. Taylor in Montreal. Mr. Duff did not say that that was the reason for the delay of these grants. Mr. Duff connected it with the non-delivery of the grants, however, yet it was never given as the official reason.

He did hear that the question of the legality of giving the land had been discussed. He presumed that in granting the blocks the government was acting on the advice of the Attorney-General.

Reciting from Mr. Brown's former evidence Mr. McCaul brought out the fact of the stand that the company considered that delivery had taken place to the company of the grants, and that no reinstatement of the company with respect to this had taken place. Referring further to the letter of August 22nd he pointed out that delivery was stated not to have taken place.

Mr. Brown explained that in the letter he doubtless referred to "manual" delivery thus accounting for the discrepancy. Before adjournment Mr. Duff asked that the proceeding with which the name of Mr. McPhillips was connected might be cleared up. Mr. Brown explained that in the early part of September, before September 10th, 1900, when the first order-in-council was passed, that Mr. McPhillips had gone with him to the executive. The lands were not given over. The decision of the executive was against the company's application. Mr. McPhillips was not in any way mixed up in any of the subsequent transactions.

The commission adjourned until this morning when Mr. McCaul will proceed with the cross-examination of Mr. Brown. Correspondence.

The correspondence produced by Geo. McL. Brown before the commission yesterday included the following:

MR. CLIFFORD TO MR. BROWN. Victoria, April 21st, 1903. Geo. McL. Brown, Esq., Victoria, B. C. Dear Sir—I am directed by the commission appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Columbia & Western Company to request that you will appear before the commission to give evidence on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at 10 a.m. (Sd.) CHAS. W. D. CLIFFORD, Chairman.

SIR T. SHAUGHNESSY TO MR. BROWN. Montreal, April 24th, 1903. Geo. McL. Brown, Esq., 2, North Bond St., Victoria, B. C. Mr. Brown was here about November 20th, 1901, he told me he had with him a number of patents covering the balance of the B. C. Southern grant and portions of the Columbia & Western lands including patents for blocks 4,593 and 4,594. These two patents covered lands in the East Kootenay that we were to receive in satisfaction of the land grant earned by the construction of certain sections of the Columbia & Western. The area in these blocks was very much less than the acreage to which the company was entitled under the act relating to the construction of the railway, but as the grant could not be satisfied from public lands adjacent to the railway, it was decided to accept the lesser acreage in occupation desirable locality. Wells asked me to allow him to retain the patents of blocks 4,593 and 4,594 for a few days for special reasons, promising, however, that he would surrender the patents within a month in any event. As it appeared to be a mere matter of his personal convenience, and as the issue of the patents seemed to have completed the transaction, I acceded to his request. It is my recollection that he showed me the envelope containing the patents, but I am quite sure that they were not in my possession at any time. (Sd.) THOS. G. SHAUGHNESSY, Chairman.

MR. BROWN TO SIR THOMAS. Vancouver, B. C., May 3rd, 1903. Sir Thos. G. Shaughnessy, Montreal: (Personal) Dunsmuir before committee yesterday states Wells had told him on return from Montreal that when there Taylor had approached him offering him one-twentieth of 60,000 acres. Wells, recalled, contained this. Under circumstances am inclined to remain here for present and see things through. Please send me a copy of my report to you some time in March, 1902, of my interview with government. On this point and copies letters passing between Wells and me protesting against rescinding order. Wells returned to produce those letters when asked, submitting only his letters March 23rd. (Sd.) GEO. McL. BROWN.

SIR THOMAS TO MR. BROWN. Montreal, May 4th, 1903. Geo. McL. Brown, Victoria: Am quite positive that Mr. Wells in his conversation with me never uttered a word leading to the inference that there was any project on foot to form a company for the exploitation of these lands or any portion of them. If he intended to convey such a hint it must have been in language so guarded as to escape my attention. He asked permission to retain possession of these patents for a few days, but not exceeding a month, for reasons that I considered personal to myself, and I replied that having no desire to cause him inconvenience, I would accede to his request. (Sd.) THOS. G. SHAUGHNESSY.

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Mr. Brown to Sir Thomas. Victoria, May 7th, 1903. Sir Thos. G. Shaughnessy, Montreal: I telegraphed to chairman your wire to me of 5th inst., commencing "Press dispatches all over continent contain garbled accounts," etc., chairman wired you on 5th inst.: "Do not know what newspaper reports are," etc., repeating Wells's statement to Green you had told him of some company. I have told him that you denied in toto any such conversation. I think he expects this from you direct. Have asked telegraph office to repeat chairman's wire. (Sd.) GEO. McL. BROWN.

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