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THE STAR, ST JOHN, N. B. THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1908

#### TRAL RY. COMMISSION.

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set of books were to be opened. Mr. Sharp made up a cash book but died before completing the set and no other books were made up. The cash book already presented to the court was opened by Mr. Sharp.

Judge Landry made some inquiries regarding the system of book-keeping apparently inferring that Mr.- Mc Avity's system was not sufficiently complete. Mr. McAvity said the books showed the disposition of every foliar.

The transactions he was concerned with were the receipt of money from the government and the sale of coal lands and the disbursement of this money which was done by check.

Mr. Powell inquired regarding the management at Norton. Mr. McAvity thought Mr. Evans was in charge at Norton when he took office. Up to the time when Mr. Hunter took charge he had little cversight over the Norton office. After that time he did.

The work at Norton included renewals and repairs to the road and the ordinary running of the railway, and he had oversight of these operations after Mr. Hunter took charge. He presumed that books were kept at Norton before Mr. Hunter took charge which he thought was on 1st July 1905.

Reference to the evidence showed that Mr. Hunter took charge on 1st July, 1904, and Mr. McAvity explained that he had been in error in saying that Mr. Evans was in charge for

that Mr. Evans was in charge for that year.

He did not personally look into the books. The auditor who examined them looked after that.

The record of transactions made at the head office in St. John was kept in the bank book. All the money he received from Fredericton was deposited in the bank and the bank book showed these transactions.

The only other record was the cash book which was written up by the auditors. Mr. Powell said thousands of dollars passed through his hands which were not entered in the cash book. Mr. McAvity did not remember

such transactions.

A statement of the company's transactions with the Bank of New Brunswick was produced, showing the total debits before he took over the management to be \$24,112.25 and the credit enment to be \$24,112.25 and the credit entries to be \$29,161.23.

Mr. Powell said Mr. McAvity had drawn by check \$73.834.62 up to 31st Dec., 1904, and challenged Mr. McAvity to show accounts for every dollar shown in the bank book. Mr. McAvity depied that all this money passed through his hands.

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Judge Landry asked if the transactions with the Bank of New Brunswick were in the cash book. Mr. Powell said, "Not a dollar of them." This, Mr. McAvity denied.

S. A. Corbett informed the court that the earlier entries in the cash book were of transactions with the Bank of New Brunswick.

Mr. Powell remarked that Mr. Corbett and Mr. Atkinson, in previous evice, had said that the vouchers for cash book were in the bank book of the Bank of B. N. A. Mr. Barnhill

of the Bank of B. N. A. Mr. Barnhill took exception to this.
Mr. Powell said that Mr. Stone swore that the records he submitted contained all the vouchers in the possession of the previous commissioners. Mr. Barnhill said, "Surely Mr. Stone did not say that." Mr. Powell, "What the deuce do you know about what Mr. Stone said?"
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Mr. Powell proceeded and recapituitated some of the evidence on this point, pointing out that Mr. Corbett did not mention the pass book of the Bank of New Brunswick.

Mr. Carvell, at this point, said he wished to voice his opinion of the action of the court in forcing on the inquiry when Mr. McAvity was in the hospital and could not attend, and while he himself and the Hon. Mr. Pugsley were detained by parliamentary duties.

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Mr. Powell drew attention to a credit entry of \$15,000 on July 6th in the Bank of New Brunswick and asked him to point out a corresponding entry in the cash book.

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Mr. Carvell asked that the witness be given an opportunity to examine the accounts and said they would speedily find the explanation. This was not allowed.

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Mr. Powell-They believed it would Mr. Barnhill affirmed that it would

Mr. Powell—"You seem to know a deuced sight more when you are off oath than when you are on it."

He, after a protest from Mr. Barnhill, retracted this statement.

WOODSTOCK COLD STOTE THE Provincial Government.

any idea of what the \$30,000 item was.

Mr. McAvity said it might be the hypothecation of some bonds.

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17th, 1904.

Attention was drawn to a pencil memorandum of Mr. Sharp's, which was attached to the cash book, showing the particulars of the belance brought forward on June 30th, 1804. In this was an item of \$30,498.92, corresponding to one of the missing amounts which had apparently been entered previously to that date. The memo did not account for the total balance. Mr. Corbett could not say from whence Mr. Sharp took this pencilled memo.

Mr. Corbett started from this balance on June 30th, 1904, and could not say anything about previous entries.

Judge Landry again remarked that he thought Mr. McAvity should be given all the time he wanted to prepare a statement of the company's affairs, giving the information asked for.

for.

Mr. Powell said he was not trying to show that Mr. McAvity had received money for which he had not accounted, but that Mr. McAvity did not have a complete record of the business he transacted. Mr. McAvity said the records were all in the cash book.

It was decided to leave the accounting of the differences until Mr. McAvity should put the information in complete form.

complete form.

Mr. Carvell, in looking over the papers, said he had there vouchers showing that the items were for the discount of the company's notes. The explanation could easily be made in

Mr. Powell said no one doubted the existence of the notes; what he wanted to know was who was on the notes and what was done with the pro-

Resuming, Mr. McAvity said he knew of transactions with Rhodes and Curry, Amherst. He could not say if all pay-St. John or from Fredericton. Mr. Powell asked if he could show a complete record of the transactions with this firm. The witness had the record of everything after he had taken

of everything after he had taken charge.

In reply to Mr. Powell, Mr. McAvity said he could not say he was familiar with the cash book. Mr. Powell pointed out the balance of \$52,250 and a pencil memo, below it "W. P., \$5,000," and asked an explanation of this last entry. Mr. McAvity did not know who made the entry or what it meant. Mr. Powell asked if the witness knew of anyone prominently identified with the financial affairs of the company whose initials were W. P.

Mr. McAvity said there might be several; he could recollect one. He had no idea to whom the entry referred, or why the balance was reduced in this manner. This balance was made up by Mr. Sharp from transactions which took place before he took charge; he must have got the information from the previous secretary.

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Judge Landry asked if this balance of \$52,250 was not credited to the company when he took charge of the company when he took charge of the com-pany, and if he did not know how it was made up. The witness did not know how it was made up. The wit-ness said he thought the amount was in the Bank of New Brunswick at this date. He never knew before that this amount was reduced by \$5,000 by this pencil entry, but he had no doubt but that the explanation was in the com-

that the explanation was in the company's record some where.

He had assumed that the balance was correct when he took over the business. He did not look into the account which the company had with the People's Bank of Fredericton before he took charge. When he took charge there was about \$90,000 due by the company to the People's Bank. He knew nothing of the records of where this money had gone to, as it was before his time.

The account with the Barnes was The account with the Barnes was settled during his tenure of office. All liabilities before he went in were to be settled at Fredericton. Mr. Barnes' account had been held over for adjustment. Mr. Powell asked if the company's affairs when he took hold of them were in such a tangle that he got people from Fredericton, Mr. Sharp and the company's officers to straighten them out. Witness said that when he took charge he asked for an audit Pugsley were detained by ary duties.

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Mr. Powell insisting on the witness stating whether or not he had asked for the audit because he knew the affairs were entangled. He admitted that that he had imagined that the affairs might be in that condition. He could not say that he had learned from the officers of the company that there was no record of the company's affairs at Fredericton.

After he took charge he had Fraser Winslow, the company's secretary in St. John for some time straightening thte business out. He had no knowledge of the business transacted at Fredericton, and could not say whether there were books kept there. He knew that the accountants had diffi-

WOODSTOCK COLD STORAGE. The Provincial Government passed an order-in-council guaranteeing the bonds

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The following are the members and officers of the above mentioned company: E. R. Teed, president; A. W. Hay, vice-president; E. W. Mair, secretary-treasurer; A. G. Bailey and C. D. Johnston.

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#### LOCAL NEWS.

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The funeral of the late Joseph Corkery took place at 9 o'clock this
morning from his home Douglas
Avenue. The remains were taken to
St. Peter's church where the funeral
service was read. Interment was in
the new Catholic cemetery.

Preston Holmes, a young son of Theodore Holmes, fell through the steamboat wharf on Friday morning, fracturing his frontal bone and inflicting other serious injuries about his head and body. On Tuesday he was sent to St. Stephen hospital for treatment. He is in a very critical condition.—Reacon.

On June 16 one hundred thousand salmon fry were deposited in the Magarguadavic river. On June 18 one hundred thousand more fry were deposited by the officials connected with the Marine and Fisheries Department. These deposits of fry were obtained by Senator Gillmor. It is expected that work in the fishways at St. George and the Second Falls will be started at once,—Greetings.

The school trustees have about made arrangements to accommodate the different grades after the holidays are over. Two 100ms in the Graham building, three in the new ell of the Winslow building and the Sloyd school room, have been secured until the new school building will be completed. G. Ernest Fairweather, architect, of St. John was here on Saturday and had a consultation with the school board. H. H. Mott, St. John, had a consultation with the hoard yesterday. Nothing has as yet been decided upon, but it is altogether likely the new building will be of brick and nodern in construction as regards sanitation and heating, and will cost in the vicinity of \$25,000.—Dispatch.

TODAY'S CRICKET.

Fredericton and St. John are trying for supremacy at cricket today on the Victoria Grounds. The game commenced at eleven o'clock on a good wicket. Fredericton went in first and was dismissed before the lunch interval for 108. Deeds played a good game, making 57, and Turner contributed 34. Popham took six wickets for St. John, Sturdee two and Bogart and Walker one each. The match will be continued this afternoon.

were sentenced to a term of 30 days jail. Last evening the jail physician was called hurriedly to the jail to attend the Whalen woman. He ordered her removal to the Alms House. About a half an hour after her arrival at the Alms House the woman gave birth to a child. Both are reported to be doing well.

SCHOONER MOAMA DISABLED IN GALE.

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#### AN UNUSUAL JAIL CASE.

On Sunday last Mary Whalen, a colored woman, got into a drunken row on Sheffield street, with Mary Rumley, a white woman. The latter had her head badly cut, and the two women were sentenced to a term of 30 days

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