

did I become the agent, I would like to know? The first minute which is made in respect to this matter is on the 19th of December, when there is an entry in the books of the Union Trust Company as follows:

Minutes of Union Trust Company.

"A proposition was laid before the directors by the manager in reference to providing money for the purchase and working of certain timber berths in British Columbia as described in a memorandum of agreement entered into between Peter Ryan of Toronto and George W. Fowler of Sussex, N. B., giving an option to the latter by the former, and the manager was instructed to continue the negotiations and secure the reports of the examiners now upon the property, on the understanding that if the reports are satisfactory the Trust Company will advance the money required to purchase the property and take a controlling interest therein."

Report Tissue of Falsehoods.

I want to say right here and now that this report, in so far as it relates to my doings in connection with that land company and in connection with that timber company is a tissue of falsehoods and misrepresentations and the evidence absolutely shows it. Here is what it says with respect to agency: (Cheers, cries of shame.)

"Fowler in his testimony asserts very strongly that he was the out and out owner of an option upon the property before he approached the Trust Company, and that he approached the company as proposing vendor, and at arm's length."

It says just what I said, that I approached the company as vendor and at arm's length. Surely, if I owned this option for seven weeks before I went near these people, I approached them as the vendor and at arm's length. Surely I was not their agent in getting hold of this thing. It says:

"On the other hand, Mr. Foster and Mr. Stevenson speak of Mr. Fowler as having entered upon the negotiations for the purchase of the property in question for all those who were expected to be interested."

Was Not Agent, but Owner.

The evidence of Mr. Foster does not bear that out at all. Mr. Stevenson does not swear to it either. He says: I understand so and so and so and so. Mr. Stevenson's evidence is very hazy indeed upon that point. But I do not care for the evidence of these people. Does that make me an agent? The documents show whether I am an agent or not. Let the documents speak. In every case I am the vendor. What happened? I did not go to these people and try to get them interested in buying up this property. They were considering the matter and I sent men to British Columbia to make reports.

Statement False and Untrue.

Certain men went to British Columbia to make reports because these people had confidence in them. But, who paid them? This report says that the Union Trust paid them, and I say it is absolutely false and untrue. For the examination, for the cruising of the Kamloops property, the first property that is purchased, the Union Trust Company never paid a dollar for expenses or anything else. For the cruising of the Okanagan property which they bought afterwards and with the sale of which I had nothing to do any more than that I was going to be interested in the company, they did pay certain expenses. That is the bill that appears there, and it is not for the Kamloops property. All the expenses in connection with the cruis-