

before for \$350. The election was on Thursday. I got another \$50, I think, on the Monday before, but I am not sure. I was putting up a building for Mr. Ashley. There was only one of my workmen named McHugh who was paid for his day. He said he would otherwise have gone off to another job. The night before the election I gave some money to electors—two or three; I can't say how many. They gave me to understand that they wanted to spend some money the next day one way or the other. I lent Dick Burke \$7; I let Jemmy Hughes have \$1; I gave James Sheelin \$7.

Cross-examined: I had no conversation with Robertson about the election at any time. I didn't talk with Robertson about any votes, or how they were to be canvassed. The moneys I received were on the building contract. We had no talk that any of this should be spent on the election. I can't tell to how many persons I gave money for the purpose of influencing their votes; I can give no idea. I gave money to twenty, twenty-five or thirty persons. I was present at only one committee meeting; I think Robertson was there. I took no part at that meeting.

Moss, C. J. O.—The petition in this case contains the usual charges of corrupt practices by the respondent himself and by his agents. The majority was 337. There was no proof of corrupt acts on the part of respondent himself, but there was convincing and admitted proof of bribery by at least two persons, namely, Sarsfield and Johnson, who were his agents. Mr. Cameron, counsel for respondent, candidly admitted he could not deny the agency of the former, and the respondent in his evidence stated, "I asked Mr. Johnson to do what he could for me."

I shall have occasion to refer more at length to the evidence hereafter, but for the present it is sufficient to say the result of this petition depends upon the construction to be placed upon the 159th sec. of chap. 10, R. S. O. That section is: "To prevent the expense and trouble of new

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