

position in his favour and asked me to do so. I concluded that it was thought that I could not manipulate the false ballots as it was intended I should. W. L. Horton, of Goderich town, had previously asked me to resign.

4. After the said James Yates had interviewed me and had left my house after I had refused to grant his request, I went down to the neighbourhood of John Martin's hotel and I there met the said W. L. Horton, who again requested me to resign in favour of James Yates, which I refused to do.

THE DEPUTY IN TRAINING.

5. After the last mentioned refusal to give up my ballot-box and papers, the said W. L. Horton asked me to go up with him to Craig's hotel in Goderich town, which I did. Both the said Horton and I went upstairs in Craig's hotel together, and I was then introduced to a man by the name of Garrett and also to a man named O'Gorman. These two latter persons were introduced to me by the said W. L. Horton.

6. After I had been introduced by the said Horton to the said Garrett and O'Gorman, the said Horton and O'Gorman left the room and Garrett and I remained alone.

7. The said Garrett then instructed me to switch ballots, and I practised the method of doing this with him for a short while.

8. The said Garrett gave me thirteen ballots marked for Robert Holmes, and I placed them in my pocket. However, before doing so, the said Garrett placed my initials on all the thirteen ballots. These ballots had not counterfoils.

THE METHOD OF OPERATIONS.

9. The said Garrett's instructions to me as to the method of switching was as follows:

I was told to keep these thirteen bogus marked ballots in my pocket so that I could readily have access to them, and I was further instructed to always put all counterfoils in my pocket so that I could take out a bogus ballot when I desired to do so, without raising suspicion. When a person came in to vote, whose ballot I desired to switch, I would take from my pocket a bogus ballot, which the said Garrett had provided me with and would keep this ballot hidden under my left hand, which would be resting on the table. When the voter would tender to me his ballot paper with the counterfoil properly attached thereto, I would place this good ballot under the left hand fingers as if for the purpose of tearing off the counterfoil and with a sudden movement of the right hand the genuine ballot and counterfoil would be quickly removed together and placed in my pocket and the bogus ballot marked for Robert Holmes would be quickly deposited in the ballot-box.

10. Just prior to this said election, I met several other strangers around Craig's hotel, other than Garrett and O'Gorman, but the only other name that I at present remember is that of Mr. Mulloy.

11. At the British Exchange hotel, in the said town of Goderich, just prior to this election, I saw Alexander Smith, James Vance and Captain Sullivan.

FARR SWITCHED THIRTEEN.

12. During the hours of the polling on said election day, I was present in the polling booth as deputy returning officer and succeeding in switching the thirteen ballots which Garrett had given to me marked for Robert Holmes, and placed in my pocket thirteen ballots marked by voters for Robert McLean, instead of depositing the last mentioned ballots in the ballot-box.

13. About April 10, 1899, after the said election, I went to Toronto city and worked there in the employ of the D. W. Thompson Company until July 12 of the same year.

14. Just prior to my quitting the employ of the said D. W. Thompson Company, James Vance, the Liberal organizer, came to see me at my boarding-house on Church street, in the city of Toronto, and there interviewed me as to my going to the city of Ottawa to give evidence before the Committee on Privileges and Elections as to the West Huron election inquiry.

15. I know that certain parties were attempting to serve me with a subpoena issued by the said committee, to give evidence before them, but I did not attend, having for a considerable length of time evaded service.