

He said the reason he had come up was that he wanted to make a clean breast of what had taken place in connection with the arrest of Stimson. He told how Baugh had approached him some months in advance of the arrest and explained how he had been fleeced by Stimson. He said that if he could get possession of the letter books of the Colonel, he could show letters that would prove the original transaction was an option and not a straight sale. He then asked Gariepy to go with him to Toronto and if possible get possession of the books. The latter agreed, as he thought Baugh had been wronged.

Arriving in Toronto, Baugh registered at the King Edward Hotel in his own name, and Gariepy registered at the Hotel Mossop as J. B. Henderson, Ottawa. Baugh got in touch with one Pett, a young man who he thought was still in the employ of Stimson. The three met in Baugh's room at the King Edward Hotel and Baugh asked Pett if he had a key to the offices. The latter informed him that he was no longer in the employ of the Colonel, as he had been discharged, and was not on friendly terms with Stimson. Baugh then asked where the books were kept and the locality of the vault. This Pett gave to him but when asked if there was any way of forcing the premises he refused to have anything to do with the matter, telling Baugh that