

could not positively swear that it was, except that I saw the writing that purported to be Mr. Nichol's.

Question allowed as being preliminary. A—I cannot express an opinion on that, as to whether it is entirely based on that interview.

Q—Did you not say entirely, A—I see in referring to the paper which has been handed to me, and which I presume is a correct paper, that it refers to an interview; I had scarcely noticed it before; it refers to an interview with me, but whether it is based on that interview

of the two companies? A—No; I would not like to say that. Q—Well, those two companies hold meetings of the board of directors, don't they? A—Oh, yes.

Mr. Martin quoted numerous authorities in support of his contention, and claimed that the defendant's conduct was being allowed Mr. Cassidy in his conduct of the case.

run as one affair, and run by Mr. Ian Coltart. Witness stands aside, not cross-examined.

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