

"Some time after it had been agreed to purchase the property, Mr. Peter Ryan told me there was a commission of \$5,000 for him from the sale. I do not know whether Mr. Ryan was aware that we had recommended the purchase of the property."

"And this commission was coming from whom to Mr. Ryan?"

"From Mr. Shields. I said I did not know anything about it; that I was not aware that Mr. Ryan had done anything about the sale. Ryan offered to split this \$5,000 commission with me. I received \$2,500 from Mr. James Shields and this I gave Mr. Ryan credit for, as there was money due to me from him in connection with the Kamloops transactions."

"What about the other \$2,500?"

"I do not know as to that."

"Did not Mr. Shields give you a little more?"

"Yes; I think Mr. Ryan gave me an order upon Mr. Shields."

"And how much money did Mr. Shields give you in all?"

"I think it was about \$4,000."

"Was it by a chance as much as \$10,000?"

"Not by any chance. I never had any talk with Mr. Shields over the commission in any way."

"You did not get the whole \$5,000 that Ryan was claiming?"

"I am certain I did not."

"What was the amount of the orders you had from Ryan?"

"I do not remember."

"\$10,000?"

"I am sure it was not \$10,000. It may have amounted to more than \$4,000."

"Eight thousand dollars?"

"I do not think it was that much."

"What is your best estimate of the amount?"

"My best estimate is \$4,000."

"And you did not get orders for \$5,000?"

"Well, there was \$1,000 which Aleck Shields got from the amount that was to be paid by James Shields to Ryan. The original order may, therefore, have been for \$5,000, and \$1,000 was to go to Aleck Shields."

"And he did not pay that \$1,000 to you?"

"No."

"Did you ever hear about the original consideration of \$40,000 having reached the Shuswap people only to the extent of \$30,000?"

"No. It certainly didn't go to me."

"On what grounds did Ryan offer you one-half of the commission of \$5,000?"

"I suppose he didn't know at the time that the property was practically sold."

"You didn't report it to anyone?"

"No."

"Did it occur to you to hand it over to your associates?"

"No." The witness added that it would have been different if the \$55,000 claim had been paid.

The purchase of the Okanagan property was then taken up.

"What of this?"

"Mr. Irwin or Mr. McCormick approached me on this subject. They held stock in the company. The bargain was made between them and the Kamloops Company."

"Did you have anything to do with it?"

"I was there."

"Where was it?"

"In Toronto."

"When?"

"Before the company was finally organized."

"With whom were these negotiations for the purchase?"

"With Mr. Irwin more than anyone else."

"Who is the Mr. Hale mentioned in the correspondence?"

"The managing director of the Okanagan Company."

"Did you negotiate with him?"

"Yes."

"Did you take an option?"

"Yes."

"What was the Okanagan Lumber Company property in which Irwin and McCormick were interested?"

"It was a mill, timber limit, camp outfit, etc."

"Were you aware of the extent of the interest of McCormick and Irwin?"

"They had a large interest."

"What proportion to the whole?"

"Theirs was as large, if not larger, than anyone else."

"What was Irwin's attitude in the matter?"

"He urged strongly that the company should buy the property. If it didn't he would do it himself and operate it."

"In competition with the Kamloops Company?"

"In a certain sense."

"Was it by pressure of that kind that he brought about the purchase?"

"I wouldn't call it pressure exactly. He urged it very strongly, and his arguments prevailed."

"Did he say if he took it up himself he'd leave the Kamloops Company?"

"Yes."

"Were you entrusted by the Okanagan Company with the receipt of the purchase money?"

"Yes."

"How much?"

PERSONAL

MR. C. C. KNIGHT, district manager, Sun Life Assurance Co., Sherbrooke, where he worthily represented the Company for many years, has left to take charge of the business in the Province of Saskatchewan, with headquarters at Regina, and THE CHRONICLE wishes him every success in his new and larger field of labour.