

632. How many half points are there to a compass? Out with it now, quick?—Just wait a little.

633. Well, a master mariner should know that?—There are 32 points; 64 half-points.

634. You are quite sure there are not 34 points to a compass? Will you swear there are not 34 points to a compass?—It depends on what you call a point.

635. Will you swear there are not 34 points to a compass?—What is a point?

636. Will you swear positively there are not 34 points to a compass. Take care; you are on your oath?—There are 32 full points to a compass.

637. You have insinuated in your letter that the boat known as the patrol boat Keewatin is an unsafe boat?—Yes, sir.

638. Did you ever state to anyone that she was perfectly safe?—I did to you; at your request.

639. At what time?—Before I sailed in her, and when I came back.

640. Verbally or in writing?—In writing.

641. You stated it in writing that she was a safe boat when you believed she was not?—The boat was all right enough; it is the rigging I say is bad.

642. Did you state that at the time?—No, I did not.

643. Did you say that the boat was safe?—Yes, I did; but you must remember that you requested me to say so.

644. Did you state that she was a safe boat, in writing, or in words?—In writing.

645. Where was it written from?—I think it was in my report to you.

646. What time did you make your report to me?—After I came back.

647. What time did you come back?—I came back on the 11th of July. I think I came up to your place on the 11th or 12th.

*By Mr. Barron :*

648. What year was that?—1889.

*By the Lieut. Governor :*

649. Will you look at that and say if that is your signature?—That is my signature.

650. You are positive about that?—Yes.

651. I will read it:

EXHIBIT No. 3 :

“ WEST SELKIRK, 15th June, 1889.

“ This is to say that I have this day received from Mr. Matthew Watts, boat builder, the sailing yacht ‘Keewatin,’ in excellent working order and after due trial found her to work very satisfactorily in sailing quantities and seems to be well suited for the purpose for which she is intended.”

(Sgd.)

“ JAMES STEWART.”

Q. Did you write that?—That is right enough.

661. Where did you write that from?—From Selkirk.

662. Was I with you at the time?—No, sir.

663. Did anyone compel you to write that letter?—You did. You said you would not take over the boat until that letter was written. That was the time you asked me to give a good name to the boat.

664. Were you aware that the whole of the payment for the building of that boat had not been paid to Matthew Watts until you made that inspection?—No; I was not aware of it.

665. You were not told that by me?—No, sir.

666. You did not know that this report determined whether he was to receive the rest of his pay or not?—I did not.

667. Did you ever hear that from me?—I never heard that from you.

668. Why did you give the report?—I was told by you to take over the boat from him. That is the reason it was written.