

some put up for himself, and also that some were to be put up for Bedson and myself, and I think another member of the staff, but I do not remember. I further requested Warden to take a receipt, or make a memorandum of who got furs, and the quantity. I gave a letter to the proper officer to be forwarded to Battleford, and I expected that the furs would be put up ready when we reached that place by boat in two or three days afterwards. We got to Battleford by boat on the following Sunday. The General was also on board. He did not, so far as I know, go to the storehouse. I went there, accompanied by Mr. Bedson, and saw one box, which I was told contained the furs put in in accordance with my letter, except the parcel for myself, which was not in this box. I cannot remember what I saw put in the second box, beyond a package of lynx and two or three small packages of mink furs. The contents of the two boxes would not, I believe, be more than one-eighth of the total quantity of furs in the storehouse at the time. When Mr. Bedson and I were in the storehouse the furs were loosely piled upon the floor. None of the furs in either of the boxes were for me. It was understood that Bedson was to give a receipt for the furs in the boxes, but as there was a great hurry to get off by steamer, he could not do so, but promised on arrival at Winnipeg, on knowing the contents of the boxes, to send a receipt back to Battleford. I do not remember whether I saw the boxes taken out of the storehouse or not, nor whether there was an address on them or not, but I think the first-mentioned box was addressed to the General. I do not know what became of them afterwards, except that I understood they went on board the steamer. The parcel of furs intended for me was not put on board the steamer, but was sent overland to me at Regina, reaching me several months afterwards. I kept none of the furs, but sent back the parcel to Battleford to the Police storehouse shortly after I got it, and I believe it has remained in the Police storehouse at Battleford ever since. After the steamer left Battleford, I myself remained there for two or three days on Indian affairs, and I then went west attending to my official duties, and was absent some months, when I returned to Regina. During the whole of my service connected with the North-West trouble I never received or obtained any furs, except one skin which was given to me for assisting in relieving the white people who were prisoners in Big Bear's camp, and this I received long after the rebellion was over and after I returned to Regina.

*Cross-examined by Mr. Lister :*

401. Do you know who the furs in Battleford belonged to?—I believed they all belonged to rebels.

402. To what rebel?—To the rebels.

403. Did you not hear they belonged to Bremner?—I did.

404. Then it was to a rebel—not rebels. You heard they were Bremner's furs. That is what they were called at the Fort?—Yes.

405. Were you there when they were taken into the Fort?—I was not.

406. How long afterwards was it, after they were taken into the Fort, that you first saw them?—It must have been at least two weeks, I fancy. I do not know when they were taken into the Fort only from what I heard.

407. Did you examine the furs at all?—No.

408. Did you look at them?—Nothing more than a casual glance.

409. Where was it you saw General Middleton after the taking of the furs into the fort?—At Fort Pitt.

410. What conversation took place between you and General Middleton respecting those furs?—I reported what I had seen.

411. What did you report?—That I had seen those furs, and I was told to whom they belonged.

412. You told him they belonged to Bremner; that is, you told General Middleton?—Yes.

413. That you had seen the furs; did you intimate to him the quantity?—I think not.

414. Will you swear you did not do that?—As far as I can remember.

415. You did not tell him whether there was a large quantity or a small quantity of furs?—I may have said a large quantity.