

A.—I did not give it with any view to the interest of the Company at all—to the future interest of the Company.

Q.—Did you give it with any view to the interest of the Company ?

A.—Certainly not.

Q.—Then I understand you to say that you gave a subscription of \$2,500 to Sir John Macdonald's testimonial without the authority of the Directors, and without thinking it was in the interest of the company ?

A.—Without the official authority of the Directors, and without any view to the future interests of the Company.

Q.—Did you consider it was for the interest of the Company that you should give that subscription ?

A.—I had no such thought.

Q.—Then I understand you gave that subscription without the authority of the Directors as a body, and without any thought of the interest of the company.

A.—Yes.

Q.—How soon afterwards did those Directors who had not sanctioned the payment beforehand become aware of it ?

A.—Not for a considerable time.

Q.—How long ?

A.—I could not fix a date.

Mr. WILLIAM ELLIOTT, sworn.

Examined by *Mr. Mowat*.

Q.—You are the acting president of the Northern Railway Company ?

A.—No I am not the acting President, I have simply acted as chairman of the meetings of the board,—appointed *pro tem*.

Q.—Where is the President now ?

A.—He is out of town.

Q.—Who is the President ?

A.—Mr. William Thomson.

Q.—Mr. William Thomson is out of town, at Philadelphia ?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How long has he been at Philadelphia ?

A.—Four or five days.

Q.—Where you subpoenaed to attend, and were you required to produce the books of the Company ?

A.—I was.

Q.—Have you produced them ?

A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Are they with you ?

A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Why ?

A.—I have no authority over them any more than any other Director.

Q.—Who has the authority over them ?

A.—They are in the possession of the General Manager or the Treasurer. I think the General Manager has the custody of them.

Q.—Then Mr. Cumberland is the person who has the authority to produce them ?

A.—Yes, sir.

Mr. F. W. CUMBERLAND—resumed.

Q.—You don't recollect when the other Directors became aware of the subscription ?

A.—No. I would not say that they were not all aware, but I do not know that they were.

Q.—Had you any conversation with them afterwards about it ?