

626. Who is she? Mrs. Grant, the original owner.

627. And she did get lumber from Eddy's? I do not know that she did.

628. What is your opinion? I have no opinion about it.

629. You say you do know that lumber was forwarded? I said I remembered that she talked about getting lumber from Ottawa, or somewhere. That is all I know about it.

630. And you do not know whether it went or not? I do not know.

631. You cannot tell whether it was carried over the Intercolonial or not? No.

*By Mr. Bowell:*

632. Was there any lumber carried? I do not know.

*By Mr. Davies:*

633. Your statement leads me to ask a good many questions. You say the materials for building the house were to be carried at half rate, and that the ordinary supplies were not so to be carried? Yes, certainly.

634. And that any officials who were privy, or party, to the carrying of them free, were guilty of breaches of their duty? Decidedly.

635. Well, now, in reference to this particular item, to which you refer—this item that you discovered—you seem to have had some idea or suspicion when you wrote to the station master at Dalhousie about it. Was he also instructed that a deposit had been made with the treasurer at Moncton to cover the amount? He may have been, and I have no doubt he was, because I paid the balance out of money belonging to Mr. Schreiber, that I had in my hands.

636. Then you have no doubt at all, from the fact that you paid the balance, that there was gross irregularity. Who was the man that was guilty of that? I do not know.

637. Did you ever take steps to ascertain who it was, and punish him? I have not yet.

638. Was it not a serious breach of the regulations for any official to carry stuff over the road and smuggle it free, when it should have been paid for? Yes, but still there is no doubt about getting it back, because I had the matter in my hands.

639. But if you had not discovered it, the public would have been defrauded? Certainly, they might have been.

640. Certainly they would have been; it was owing to you finding it out that the public did not lose the money. Who is the station master at Dalhousie? Mr. J. J. McLeod.

641. What has happened to him since this investigation was opened? I think he has gone to the United States.

642. He was not in the United States when this investigation opened? When I left he was not.

643. But since you left, he has gone? Yes.

644. He is the man who would know a good deal about it? He may know something.

645. Being the station master he must know. I take it that the station master at Dalhousie would know what freight came there improperly? He tells me in that letter what freight came improperly.

646. That is not my question. I want to know, as a matter of fact, whether or not he would know? Certainly.

647. But he is not to be had? No, but I can account for his absence. I do not want to do the man any injury, but I can account for his absence outside of the hotel altogether.

648. You can either do it now or afterwards, as you please? I may say here that when his accounts as station master came to be audited last fall there were considerable irregularities found in them in regard to freight not having been accounted for, and he has been employed nearly all winter between the audit office at Moncton, and going down to the ports along the Bay of Chaleur, in trying to sort them