

ST. CATHARINES, 13th Nov., 1889.

The Commission met at 11:25 A. M

MR. McCALLUM—Are you going to have the argument in typewriting?

THE COMMISSIONER—No. My decision was reached after leaving St. Catharines, and I wrote you at the earliest possible date afterwards, and also wrote to Mr. Rykert. My reasons were that the report of the argument would be for my personal benefit, and I did not care to take the responsibility, after finding the expense which would be entailed by it, and understanding that the Department considered that a matter for my personal benefit.

MR. McCALLUM—I came prepared to argue the case. You have the evidence in your hand, and will, no doubt, come to a conclusion from the evidence, without any assistance from me.

THE COMMISSIONER—I would be glad to have your help in the matter of summing up.

MR. McCALLUM—I did not come here for that purpose. I wanted to have the whole case complete. I wanted to have all the proof I produced.

THE COMMISSIONER—All the proof which is produced here shall be put in.

MR. McCALLUM—But I want it taken in shorthand, and want it in writing, the same as the other.

THE COMMISSIONER—Your statement would not be evidence, and would only be as explanatory, from your standpoint of the evidence.

MR. McCALLUM—But I want to get my argument.

THE COMMISSIONER—For whose benefit is the argument?

MR. McCALLUM—For the benefit of the public.

MR. RYKERT—Why cannot Mr. Johnston take it down in shorthand?

MR. McCALLUM—You have the evidence, and I want to point out to the world what I did prove, and you shall be the judge whether I did or not.

THE COMMISSIONER—I suppose my position will be this. I would like to be aided in your pointing out personally such points as you consider established by your evidence, and I will take notes; and if Mr. Rykert sees fit to call my attention to any points he thinks he has made on behalf of his client, I shall take a note of that; but I do not propose to assume that either your argument, or Mr. Rykert's argument, is going to be correct. I do not mean to take your arguments as an answer to the evidence. I propose to read the evidence. I am quite at a loss to understand why you should insist upon its being in type.

MR. McCALLUM—My understanding was that Mr. Holland was going to be here and take the argument down.

THE COMMISSIONER—I did not intend that the government should be called upon to pay \$100 simply that I might have the benefit of your argument in type. I could get the benefit without the Stenographer.

MR. McCALLUM—The evidence is before you, and I hope you will make a correct report. I have no right to say you will not, and if I have any objections to take to the report I shall sum up somewhere else, not here. Good day.

MR. RYKERT—I intend to go through the whole of the charges made against us, and meet them all, and Mr. McCallum can do as he pleases.

THE COMMISSIONER—This decision of mine was reached after leaving here, and I wrote you immediately.

MR. McCALLUM—I got your letter yesterday.