

Trust Co. was in regard to the sale of the Ontario, Manitoba and Western Land Company to the Union Trust Company. Witness said he had brought no papers with him.

Mr. Tilley read the subpoena to the witness, stating specifically certain papers he would be called on to produce.

Mr. Pritchard stated that he had turned into the hands of Attorney-General Campbell, solicitor for the company, all papers vital to the transaction with the Union Trust and Mr. Foster.

Questioned with reference to his dealings with Hon. G. E. Foster, the witness stated that in 1903 he had written to that gentleman suggesting the purchase of some 40,000 acres of land near Carrot River. He got in touch with Mr. Foster by following up trust companies as likely purchasers. He had carried on the negotiations.

"Are you sure there wasn't some intermediary?"
"Yes."

Mr. Tilley read Mr. Foster's evidence to the effect that he hadn't known Mr. Pritchard in the matter, but rather, Mr. Bettes. The latter in the morning denied this, stating that Pritchard, not he, had conducted the negotiations.

Witness (Pritchard) agreed with that. Witness said that after making the offer to Mr. Foster he received a telegram accepting it. He was to get a commission of 25 cents an acre on the 40,000 acres.

"Did you make any proposition to Mr. Foster about dividing the commission of \$10,000?"

"Yes, I told him what it would be and I said I would split it with him."

Witness wasn't sure whether his letters making this offer to Mr. Foster had been received by the latter before he sent the telegram accepting the offer.

"Now, that left \$5,000 to you," said Mr. Tilley.

"That left \$5,000," replied the witness.

"Why don't you say yes or no; why do you answer in that way?"

"Because I didn't get all of it," said the witness.

"Who shared in it?"

Mr. Campbell, the attorney-general, came to me and said he had been put to a lot of trouble in the matter, and thought he should get a thousand. He said it would be to my advantage to give it to him."

"What grounds did he suggest?"

He simply said, "It will be to your advantage, you'd better think it over." I thought there was something doing somewhere, else he wouldn't speak that way. So I afterwards telephoned him and said I'd give him the \$1,000. He said he thought I had acted wisely." (Laughter).

Witness said he got the other \$4,000, while Mr. Foster got \$5,000.

"Did anyone else in the Foresters or Union Trust get commission?"

"Not to my knowledge."

"You have given a full disclosure of all you know."

"Yes."

"Did the \$1,000 you threw on the waters to Mr. Campbell return after many days?" asked Commissioner Kent.

"Not yet."

The witness said he had resigned his position in the Provincial Government of Manitoba. One reason was because, after acting deputy minister a long time, another was appointed when he thought he should have had the position.

Mr. Gerald de C. O'Grady, general manager of the Crown Bank, was then called to explain the details of the deal by which E. A. Duvernet, of Toronto, and the Crown Bank acquired control of the stock of the Union Trust Company. This was first discussed in the evidence at Toronto, of Mr. Duvernet and Matthew Wilson, K.C. Mr. O'Grady said that the matter of the transfer of the stock was first brought to his attention by Mr. Ormsby, who told him that an option on a block of Union Trust stock had been obtained by Mr. Duvernet. The suggestion was that Duvernet and his friends should take one-third of this, Mr. Ormsby and his friends a third, and witness and his friends the remainder. He had never met Mr. Wilson personally in the matter, but knew that he and Mr. Duvernet were negotiating for buying up the Union Trust stock. He knew further that Mr. Wilson was to receive \$25,000 in all as commission, of which \$5,000 was to be cash and \$20,000 stock to be handed over at the end of five years. The cheque for \$5,000 which had been put through for Mr. Wilson, was produced. Later on witness was advised by Mr. Duvernet that Mr. Wilson wanted to get a share of the stock, and had made an application. Mr. Duvernet consented on the understanding that the applicant should deposit a sum of money to be forfeited if he did not fulfil the conditions. This was done, and the money, \$25,000, was later forfeited. It was re-deposited in syndicate accounts.

This afternoon's sitting of the Insurance Commission was devoted to the examination of the Canadian Pacific land commissioner at Winnipeg, in relation to the sale of certain lands to the Pope, Fowler, Bennett Syndicate. The witness, Mr. Griffin, went into details of the transaction and maintained that the members received no special treatment.

Mr. G. W. Fowler, M.P., is here and will be recalled to-morrow afternoon at 4.15. Mr. Shepley will be engaged in an important Supreme Court case till 4 o'clock.

Examined by Mr. Shepley, K.C., Mr. Frederick T. Griffin said he was the C.P.R. land commissioner in Winnipeg. Speaking generally, he had charge