

the government over and above the 20 per cent he got from his clients?—A. Let me see the *Hansard* and I will tell you.

Q. I am simply asking you now what you said?—A. I will not answer unless I see the *Hansard*. Let me see the book.

Q. Not until you have answered the question?—A. Give me the *Hansard*. It is mine anyway. I will see in the book what I have said.

Q. I ask you if you did say so?—A. I will read it.

Q. Then say you didn't say it?—A. I will give my evidence as I please.

The CHAIRMAN.—No, you will not; you can say you won't answer without reading from the *Hansard*.

Mr. HUGHES.—Yes, I will give my evidence to suit my own conscience sake and nobody else.

*By Mr. Cowan :*

Q. Do you remember on June 7th of making the statement which I read?—A. Well, let me see the *Hansard*.

Q. Well, do you remember?—A. I will not answer; show me the *Hansard*.

The CHAIRMAN.—You can make the statement that you don't want to answer till you have seen the statement in *Hansard*.

Mr. HUGHES.—I have said that twice.

*By Mr. Cowan :*

Q. Do you remember making the statement?—A. I won't answer till I see *Hansard*.

Q. Do you remember the statement you made?—A. Yes.

Q. Will you state the statement you made?—A. Let me see the *Hansard*.

The CHAIRMAN.—If you say you remember, I think you must answer.

*By Mr. Cowan :*

Q. I will read this to you, Mr. Hughes?—A. That is my *Hansard*.

Q. This is marked by yourself?—A. Just hand it over.

Q. You can look at this with me. Now I find at page 4487 of *Hansard* this statement: "Now, I know for a fact that Mr. McLaughlin did expect 20 per cent from these farmers, and I know he received it." That is correct?—A. That statement?

Q. Yes?—A. In general terms that statement is correct.

Q. "What I am anxious to know is: was this government a party to the extraction? If so, we would be pleased to learn it. Mr. McLaughlin was the Liberal candidate in the recent general election. In addition to that this gentleman has been paid his legal fees for his connection with the settlement of these claims." Is that correct?—A. Mr. McLaughlin was paid his legal fees in connection with Sackett.

Q. Only Sackett?—A. There is Johnson, I cannot say.

Q. Do you know of any?—A. I know of Sackett.

Q. Do you know of any others?—A. He was paid in the Sackett case, that I know.

Q. Do you know of any others?—A. I don't know of any others at the present time.

Q. Then, when you made that statement on page 4487 of *Hansard*, did you refer only to Sackett?—A. I referred to the Sackett case.

Q. Did you know at the time Sackett was the only one in which he had received a fee?—A. I don't know yet.

Q. That was the only one at the time?—A. That was the one I had in my mind.

Q. Now, you heard Mr. Pope's evidence?—A. I did.