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Charles Ritchie, K.C., with the aid of the paying teller of the Ontario Bank and the books of that institution, tried for two hours yesterday afternoon to trace the \$3000 (which R. R. Gurney alleges he and Frank Sullivan obtained from Hon. J. R. Stratton, at Ottawa, a fishing expedition) to the source. At last the luck did not seem to run with Mr. Ritchie. Page after page of huge ledgers were thumbed over, slips were examined and entries scrutinized with searching thoroughness. Their Lordships leaned back in the upholstered chairs. The well-filled courtroom displayed a languid interest in the proceedings, and murmured as if nothing but an orchestral score could give swing to the occasion.

Then all at once the exertions of Chas. Ritchie appeared to have fruit. Assisted by W. D. McPherson and closely watched by W. R. Ruddell, K. C., who bent eagerly over the searching expedition, Mr. Ritchie found what he wanted an entry of \$3000, money paid out on the 3th of September, the day before that amount, according to R. R. Gamey, was divided between Frank Sullivan and himself.

To the prosecution a significant feature of this entry is that the \$3000 was taken out by the Trust & Guarantee Company, of which institution Hon. J. R. Stratton is President.

An effort was also made by Mr. Ritchie to see if bills of large denominations had been paid out on or about the date of the alleged transfer of the bribe money. This effort was not unsuccessful. A day or two before the all-important date eighteen \$100 bills

Of course the fact that \$3000 was drawn by the Trust and Guarantee Company on the date in question is no evidence in itself. It is not yet known whether the amount was transferred

Every circumstance attending the payment of the \$3000 by the bank to the Trust Co. will be enquired into and the Trust Co. will be required to

ply information showing in what form the sum was received, to whose account it was credited, or to what persons it was disbursed.

tion, since the alleged bribe money was in \$50 and \$100 bills of the Oriental Bank. Now, the books are under scrutiny and every page within reasonable proximity to September 10, 1902, will be closely examined. What the clue or supposition will be, is not known.

**Keeping Their Own Counsel.**  
Counsel for the prosecution are hopeful, but beyond cheerful counterpane they are not letting the public in their confidence.

Ontario Bank to grace the court-room. It was Mr. Barwick who hastened the counsel for the defence with the glad news that R. R. Gamey had been tinkering with the deposit slip, and thus led up to the sensational fitting of

R. Stratton's accuser to Buffalo, N. Y. Yesterday G. R. R. Cockburn, president of the bank, visited the courtroom and thruout the examination of the bank's books was an interested spectator. He heard this dialog between Charles H. Ritchie and Paying Tell

**Several Payments Then.**  
"On the 8th Mr. Bartlett, you appeared to have had 79 fifties and 88 one hundred dollar bills?"  
"Yes, at the close of the day's business."

"Then at the close of the 9th September you had 53 fifties and one hundreds?"

"Yes."

"At the close of the 10th you had 53 fifties and 89 one hundreds?"

"Yes."

"At the close of the 11th you had  
fifties and 72 one hundreds?"  
"Yes."  
"On the 12th of September you  
closed the day with 26 fifties and  
one hundreds?"  
"Yes."

Thomas Yates, a discount clerk, was put in the box, and Charles H. Ritch was deep in the discount ledger when the commission adjourned.

Mr. Ford gave his evidence in a straight-forward manner, and revealed these startling facts:

(1) He typewrote the letter sent by Frank Sullivan to R. R. Gamble which was to square Mr. Gamble with his island constituents.

(2) He typewrote the famous Globe interview.

(3) He typewrote the letter which later was produced in A. B. Ayer's office and which stated the conditions for the withdrawal of the protest against Mr. Gamey.

then a \$2 a day clerk in the Public Work Department, and whose name was unknown to Mr. Ford. The other letters were written at the request of Mr. Stratton. Examination of Mr. Ford emphasized the extraordinary circumstance that a two dollar

day clerk should ask the Solicitor the Treasury to typewrite one his letters and the equally extraordinary circumstance that Hon. J. Stratton should have to go out of own department for a typewriter these particular occasions. The fact that Mr. Ford did not solve very

truth. He could only say that Sullivan came to him in great haste and asked him to typewrite the letter and oblige him.

**Demands Explanation.**

"Didn't it occur to you," asked

"At the time it didn't appear singular, but since I must admit that it has been running off in the department of Public Works?"

official, wasn't it?"  
 "Yes."  
 "It was certainly not the class  
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