

I have here the affidavit of Heriot C. Ross :

District of Lake Dauphin.

Province of Manitoba.

To wit :

I, Heriot C. Ross, of the village of Dauphin, in the electoral division of Dauphin, province of Manitoba, clerk, agent for Glenlyon A. Campbell, one of the candidates at the recent election held in the electoral division of Dauphin, to elect a member to the Provincial Legislature, make oath and say :

That I attended the several courts of revision held by Albert Monkman, revising barrister, and that the accompanying exhibit, marked "A," is a list of the names applied to be placed on the list of electors at the said several courts of revision, and that the said Albert Monkman refused to state whether he would or would not add such names to the list of electors of the said electoral division.

And I know this to be true in substance and in fact.

(Sgd.) HERIOT C. ROSS.

Sworn before me in the village of Dauphin, this 29th day of February, 1896.

CHARLES HICKS,

A Commissioner in B.R.

Here is Exhibit A :

List of names for which applications were made to the revising barristers at the different courts of revision in the electoral division of Dauphin, to be placed on the list of electors, to be used in the elections held in January, 1896, and which at such courts he refused to state would be added or rejected.

Then follows a list of 165 names, every one of whom was entitled to vote. Then there is the following note :—

Many of the persons whose names are given above, and for whom applications were made to add at the court of revision, have resided in the constituency for a number of years.

(Sgd.) HERIOT C. ROSS.

That is the state of things which, according to the hon. Minister of Marine, has been working well. Here is a letter from Wawanesa, Manitoba, February 28, 1896 :

The time was rather short for them. I have only 7—17 and 8—17 fairly full, part of 7—16 and the numbers in 7—18. There are fully 200 names off that should have been on, and about 75 on should have been off. We don't claim all these Conservative, but goes to show had there been a court of revision things would have been different. Of course, the great majority were Conservative. The thing was managed in this way. Mr. Graham and his friends would go to Conservatives, as they came to me and said : "There is no call for any action on your side ; if you have not the time, as we are placing every one on we find entitled to be on. We are using the old lists—municipal, provincial and Dominion—and giving every one fair-play." With such arguments as this, I was satisfied to let them do the work, for, as I told both Haddow and Graham, at the court of revision, we could rectify errors. When it came near time for court of revision, I saw Haddow, and asked him for lists, then twelve days before. He said, "None yet received from the printer." I saw him again after this. He said, "There can be no court of revision now, for there is not time necessary to post lists, and

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none received from the printer yet." I had sent in some 28 names previous to November 4, and I was anxious to see if they were on. Time went by. Court of revision was to be on Thursday, the 19th. On Tuesday, the 17th, the first list came to our postmaster. I at once wired W. A. Macdonald, Brandon, for postponement of court, or what was going to be done. He replied : "McLeod says, 'No court in Wawanesa, as no applications or objections.'" We found that nearly every one of my 28 names were left off the lists. Now, why were the lists sent to Emerson to be printed ? I would like to know the government reason. My own solution of the deal is this : In 1892, Bailey, printer, came here dead on Greenway, sounded me as to Tory pap, said he had not been used right by Greenway, and if the Government at Ottawa would give him patronage, he would give the Conservative the support of his paper, "The Enterprise," in both houses. He said Greenway owed his \$700 for election expenses in Morden district (not E. D.), that he (B.) had been the means of Greenway's election, that Greenway had induced him to go to Morden by promise of patronage, and after he (Bailey) going to some \$400 expenses, Greenway refused to carry out his promises. I told Bailey I would see. In the following June, 1893, I was waited on by a couple of Conservatives, saying Bailey had been writing, and they came to see about it. I said, "Bailey no good, and using us to squeeze Greenway." In the following August, Bailey came in the store and showed the document from the Attorney General's department to the effect that he (Bailey) was to have the printing of several things, public health pamphlets and other things, and he (Bailey) agreed to drop his opposition to the local government.

I ask the hon. member (Mr. LaRivière) how many miles is Emerson away from—

Mr. LaRIVIERE. A hundred miles away.

Mr. DAVIN. Did you say 200 miles away ?

Mr. LaRIVIERE. A hundred miles away.

Mr. DAVIN. Well, that is a long distance.

I have no proof of any contract only Bailey's own words and the fact of from that time to this Bailey has done all in his power for the Greenway Government. His paper did not pay here so he went to Emerson and though Graham, Fowler and others here strongly objected, Greenway and Sifton insisted on him (Bailey) printing the South Brandon voters' lists, and he being a fit one for dirty work so managed that they did not reach Haddow, the clerk, until Friday night, the 13th, or only four clear days, not counting Sunday, before the court was called to sit, thereby not giving us any chance to object or apply—Graham's action in compiling the lists is explained by the fact. It was generally understood the Conservatives were going to run Reeve Canall of Oakland, and as Canall is very popular and strong, living near Graham, Graham used everything in his power to strengthen himself—all we can honestly complain of is the fact of no chance of adding and objecting on account of no court.

I see that the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton) as usual is not in his place to-night. It would be interesting if he were here for him to tell what part he took with Greenway in insisting that Bailey should have the printing of these lists at Emerson. We are