

605. Who is that? That is Mr. McLeod, the station master at Dalhousie.
606. That is the very thing I was asking you about. Then this lumber was sent from Rhodes, Curry & Co., at Amherst, who had the contract for supplying the terminus at St. John station, to C. T. Hillson, at Dalhousie? Yes, part of the supplies.
607. And was sent on what you call "memo. bills"? Yes; you say it is marked free on some of them.
608. I turn up the bills, and I see under the head of charges it is marked free? I do not know about that.
609. I want to know whether that was so or not, and whether C. T. Hillson had any authority for carrying these things free over the Intercolonial? No, I do not believe that the station master had any authority for sending them. But, as I told you a moment ago, you cannot understand this thing without seeing it from the beginning.
610. I am not going to stop you from going to the beginning, but I just wish to have this point explained. At any rate, whether he had authority or not, the station master did send it free? The station master or his assistant, I don't know which.
611. And some lime was also sent to Mr. Archibald? Yes.
- 611½. He is another employé of the Intercolonial Railway? Yes.
612. So that this stuff was sent from the directors of the Intercolonial Railway to the employees of the Intercolonial Railway free, and it was some months before you discovered it. Now, I want to know whether or not, when you wrote some two or three months afterwards to the station master at Dalhousie to make the charges, he did not write you that he thought the station master at Amherst was the proper person to do so? Did you write to the station master at Dalhousie to make the charges in his books? I wrote what I read there.
613. Nothing else? Nothing else.
614. Did he write that he thought the station master at Amherst was the proper party to do so? No, he did not.
615. Did you write him to make the charges? Did you give him any authority except what you have read here? None whatever.
616. Or to anybody else? Not to my knowledge.
617. Do you know how he made the charges? No; I know that he did make the charges.
618. Were vouchers sent in for half freight? I have no doubt they were. The arrangement was that this hotel, with the other summer hotels, should have freight carried at half rates.
619. Then, as a matter of fact, the freight sent to this hotel was sent at half rates? Certainly; that is to say for material used for the building and furnishing of the house, but not for supplies. The supplies were charged at full rates.
620. Then the materials used for the building of the house, and for the furnishing, were to be sent at half rates? Yes, they were.
621. And you, in pursuance of that, or some person by your authority, sent him an overcharge voucher from Amherst; for this freight which had gone free? The general freight agent did.
622. Then some of the officials must have deliberately broken what they knew was the rate of the road. In fact it was an attempt to defraud on the part of some one? I cannot say why the stuff was way-billed from Amherst free, but if the station master intended it to go free he was certainly wrong.
623. Was lumber ever forwarded from Eddy's mills for the building of the hotel, and if so, at what rate? I cannot say, from my recollection now.
624. Do you recollect the fact that lumber was taken from Eddy's mills to Dalhousie over the Intercolonial Railway? I know that the original proprietor got some materials down to the place, but I do not know anything about the charges; but, if I remember rightly, some half-rate was refunded to her. I have not the particulars of that.
625. I thought you would have those particulars? I never heard of it before; but when you speak of it, I remember that she talked about getting lumber from here.