

## STILL INQUISITIVE.

Further on the examination proceeds:

Q. Did anything else take place between yourselves and Mr. Mann then?—A. I think he invited us over to the Toronto Club.

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Q. Was there anything then suggested about their having an interest?—A. Oh, no.

Q. How long afterwards did that come up?—A. About their having an interest?

Q. Yes?—A. I never had any conversation with them about their having an interest; never the slightest.

Q. Did you have any conversation with them about raising money?—A. Never in the world.

Q. Did you get any money from them?—A. Never got a dollar.

Q. They did not assist you in financing your first payment?—A. Oh, well, I would not say that. They may have done that. As a matter of fact they did not do that, but I never got any money from them.

Q. Do you think you are answering me quite fairly, Mr. Fowler —A. I think so.

Q. You think you are?—A. Yes.

Q. Tell me the arrangement that was made for financing with Mackenzie and Mann?—A. I don't know it.

Q. Did you make it?—A. I did not.

Q. Who did?—A. Whatever arrangement was made would be made by Mr. Pope. I was not there at all.

Q. Did he tell you what it was?—A. He said they would help us in financing the thing here. This was a long time subsequent to that, you know. But I do not see, Mr. Shepley, again I may say, Mr. Commissioners, I do not see what this has to do with the matter.

And would not any honest man who was pursuing an insurance inquiry feel the same? What on earth had this to do with the question of insurance that was committed to this Commission? Then, we go on a few pages, and what do we find? We find that these gentlemen are interested in finding out if the Fowler syndicate obtained from Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann an endorsement of a note, Mr. Fowler again protests against going into the matter, and he is directed by the Commissioners to answer the question. That is merely a sample.

## ANXIOUS ABOUT MR. BORDEN.

If we turn to the evidence of Mr. Lefurgey at page 2502—I am not going to read it—we find that the whole ingenuity of the Insurance Commission is directed to the task of finding out, if possible, whether my hon. friend the leader of the Opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) was connected with this matter. And for column after column again, by all the devious methods that could be adopted—not by a straight, open manly question: Was Mr. Borden a partner in this transaction, or had he anything to do with it?—but by a surreptitious and hidden course, Mr. Shepley devotes all his energies to finding out if Mr. Borden was connected with this transaction. Mr. Speaker,