

Kenzie's office, and he asked me: Who will bait Messrs. Fletcher and Merriam? I said I will for one. He then said: You would be refused as your property is considered perishable, but I can arrange so that you will be accepted, and will tell you in what way, and went on to say: you, no doubt, know that the Attorney General and his wife do not live happy together, and he, the (Attorney General,) wants to sell out all his property, and has placed it in my hands to sell. The Attorney General has not told me to make the offer, but if you accept I can make arrangements with him. He then said: The Attorney General owns 160 village lots across the Assiniboine. The property purchased from James Lemay, and we propose selling it to you for sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000), and then if you are offered as bail they can't refuse you, as Clark will not oppose it. He then said: The bail can be forfeited. I told him I could not see it in the same light; that in case the bail might be forfeited, it might cost me \$32,000, less the cash value of the land, if it was forced to sale, which, in my opinion, would not bring three thousand dollars. I did not want any property that would not bring the full amount paid at any time I would be obliged to sell. He then proposed they would find a man of straw who would take the property and become bail. I then said: If this is arranged, are you sure the Attorney General can arrange so that bail will be taken? He then said I have no authority from the Attorney General to say so, although I know he will do it, and if I succeed I want you to pay me fifteen hundred dollars more for arranging this. I then said: You had better see the Attorney General, and if he agrees, I will talk to Brackett and Wilson about it, as they are the men that will have to make the purchase. The next time I saw him, he said he had it all arranged with the Attorney General, and that he, (the Attorney General,) proposed putting in another small piece of land with the Lemay property. I think he called it the Bruce property, and then said: I am making a good sale for Clark and he ought to be well pleased, and I have not one cent interest myself in it, but I must be paid the fifteen hundred dollars in gold. I then said: Supposing Clark does not succeed in getting bail, I suppose it will be considered no sale. He said certainly. But added, I think there is not the least danger, as Clark will arrange it, and the Judge will not oppose it. I went home and told Brackett all that had passed. He (Brackett) said the damned scoundrel, I ought to go down and tell him his services are no longer required and expose the whole thing. I then said to Brackett: You better not do that yet, you had better go and see him, as I told him you would, and see if he holds out the same inducements to you to buy. I saw Brackett after his interview with McKenzie, and he (Brackett) told me that McKenzie had made him the same offer, but came down in price \$1,000, making the price asked for said property \$15,000. I was well aware that no offers would be entertained for their lands any more than to draw them on, but was anxious for Brackett to know what they proposed.

Nothing further was mentioned about the lands. I fancy they began to think it would be no go; however, a few days after Mr. McKenzie called me into his office, and said: Here Cornish has been paid five thousand dollars by Gordon to prosecute, and he (McKenzie) had worked hard for the last two weeks, and if he continued the case he would insist on having two thousand dollars more, and wanted me to see about it. I asked him if he wanted me to mention it to Brackett. He said: Yes, tell him I must have two thousand dollars more. I mentioned it to Brackett, and he said: Not another dollar.

I learnt some few days after that McKenzie had stated in court he had never made a demand for two thousand dollars, and the man that told it was a slanderer and a liar. I called on McKenzie next day, and asked him if he denied making a demand on me for two thousand dollars in case he continued the case. He said he had not made the demand the way it was stated in the Minneapolis paper. I told him I did not know anything about the statement in the paper, as I did not see it.

He then read it. I told him the only difference there was is this: The paper states you refused to go on with the case unless you were paid two thousand dollars more; and your statement to me was that you must have the amount if you continued the case, which he acknowledged to be correct.

With respect to Messrs. Fletcher and Merriam.—During last winter they made a contract