



BANK ROBBERY AT COBOURG.

The Deposition of Persons examined by W. H. Draper, Esq. on the extensive and mysterious Robbery of the Upper Canada Bank at Cobourg.

The Information of Mr. WILLIAM HENRY Kingston, of the town of Cobourg, in the Kingston District, Gentleman, made this 23th June, 1893. The said Wm. Henry Kingston being duly sworn.

Deponent is a Clerk in the employment of Mr. Jas. G. Bethune, the agent of the Bank of Upper Canada at Cobourg; has the sole management of the bank business; keeps all the cash at his sole control; keeps cash in an iron chest; only one key at Cobourg; there is another key, which deponent believes is in the possession of the Cashier at York. It is not in the course of the duty of any other person to have possession of that key. The business of the bank is transacted at Mr. Bethune's office. The Post-office is conducted at one end of the office, the Bank business at the other. The Canada Company business is also transacted there. Mr. Bethune is Post-master and Agent for the Canada Company. No papers or books excepting those belonging to the bank are kept on the bank side of the office, but there is no partition or division. Persons coming to transact business with either department do not ordinarily come within side.

Deponent had been for some time in the habit of sending bank bills, not of the Bank of Upper Canada, to the agent, Mr. John Macaulay of Kingston, on Wednesday in every week, when the amount was sufficient to require it. This amount was four or five hundred pounds. These bills were usually put up in strong brown paper, sealed with red wax—Office of the Bank of Upper Canada at Cobourg, is the impression of the seal; bills were always packed laying open—these packets been numbered and marked as containing money. The agent at Kingston usually advised their receipt by return of post; does not recollect any instance to the contrary when the packet has been received.

On Wednesday, 15th May last, deponent put up a packet of bank notes of the

Bank of Montreal, the Commercial Bank at Kingston, and only ten dollar note of the Quebec Bank, amounting to £774 10s.—The money was counted on the Tuesday evening, and was charged to the Bank of Upper Canada on Wednesday the 15th inst. It was not sealed up till Wednesday morning. Deponent thinks he counted it over again on Wednesday morning, but is at all events positive he enclosed that sum. It was packed up in strong brown paper, quite new, sealed with red wax, bright colored, impressed with the seal already mentioned, not tied without in any way. The notes were put up in separate parcels according to their value, that is, all the five dollar bills were put up together and banded together, and so on with the others. The packet was sealed up about ten in the forenoon, on the bank side of the office, no other person on that side the office at that time. No other person had assisted deponent; the money was not out of deponent's hands from the time he took it out of the chest till he sealed up the packet. He then took the packet to the opposite side of the office, and threw it on the post office table, and told Mr. Edmund Rubidge, clerk in the management of the Post-office, there was a parcel of money for Mr. Macaulay, to whom the packet was addressed, mentioning that it contained £774 10s. Deponent generally stated the amount it contained. Mr. Rubidge replied he would send it. Deponent has been a clerk in the post-office himself. The business of that office is conducted in the way it was during the latter part of the time deponent was a clerk therein. All the packets for Kingston and the offices east thereof were put up in one bag, so as not to require opening in the intermediate offices. On the latter bill a particular entry is made of all money letters, but no amount stated. Did not see the letter bill the day he sent this packet. Saw this packet of money still lying on the post-office table a few moments

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