

completely does he efface his principal, that one is almost forced to the conviction that Chretien is a *prête-nom* in the affair. Mr. Chretien gives the following account of himself and his position. He says, he has no *état*, that he has commenced to work with Parent, that he lives on his private means and by his work, that Mr. Parent does all his business, and that he keeps Mr. Parent's office when he is out, that he knew nothing of the transaction with Crowley, that he gave his *money* into Parent's hands. He admits also that Parent sometimes signs the receipts for his rents which he himself collects, and that he allowed Parent to hypothecate the property bought from Crowley. There is not a word to show the extent of his means, or of what they consist. He gave his *money* to Parent, but it was not with money Parent acquired Crowley's property.

Again, Parent tells us that the proposition to take Silver Plume stock for part price of Crowley's property was made to him by Hawkes, that he said he had no stock of his own but that Chretien had some. He pretends that he never had any but the trifling amount of \$10,000 worth of this stock, which first he tells us he got as a commission for selling the mine, which afterwards he explains to mean as a substitute for the commission he was to have if he sold it, and which he did not do. This stock he sold to one Baxter. Being examined again, and being asked about a project of trading off this stock for goods in Boston and New York, he explains that he wished to try and buy stock "cheap, very cheap," and when it rose on the publication of an anticipated report by Mr. Sills, Silverman and he were to buy goods in Boston and New York with the stock.

Now, let us see Silverman's account of the proposed transaction at page 45 of Respondent's evidence:—

Q. Mr. Parent has referred to a conversation he had with you in regard to sending you to New York and Boston with this stock and to buy goods, do you remember the date of that conversation, and will you state to the Court the nature of the proposition, and of the conversation, and state what occurred?

A. He mentioned that Mr. Bickerdyke and himself had something like a quarter of a million dollars of stock. He said \$250,000 worth, and he asked me to go with him and Mr. Bickerdyke to New York and Boston, and trade, or endeavor to

trade, the stock off for whatever I could get hold of, for jewelry or anything else; goods of any kind or description.

Q. You have seen that report of Mr. Sills?  
A. I have.

Q. And this conversation that you have just referred to was in anticipation of this report of Mr. Sills coming out?

A. Yes, I remember the occasion now very well; Mr. Parent said that if we went on, Mr. Sills would very soon make his report from the mines, and while we were on in New York the papers would run up the stock as high as possible.

Q. This was before the report came out?

A. It was a few days before the report came out.

Q. What date was that conversation?

A. I do not remember exactly. It must have been a week or two before the report came out that the proposition was made. The report came out perhaps only a few days after this conversation.

Q. And the nature of this proposition was to buy stock when it was low and take advantage of Mr. Sills' report, to exchange it off?

A. No, we were not to buy stock at all; we were to get rid of stock for any other kind of goods.

Q. And you refused to have anything to do with it?

A. Not exactly refused it, but the same thing. When Mr. Parent was ready to go, I was not. I sought for an excuse, and was not ready to go when he was; but it came to the same thing.

Q. But you were to pay no money at all?

A. No.

Q. The proposition looked to your buying goods, and you would be furnished with mining stock?

A. Yes.

Q. Well now, was Mr. Parent speaking for himself alone, or for others connected with the company?

A. Mr. Bickerdyke was with him in my office, with Mr. Parent.

It is also denied that Parent had anything to do with the company. Silverman again tells us how little truth there is in this. He is asked:

Q. Had you an interview with Mr. Parent in the beginning of last year, in connection with a list of mining properties now in question in this cause, and did Mr. Parent as an agent offer it to you?