

opened; he wanted to get the best coal for the schools; he voted and tried hard for the Rogers coal, his reason being that he thought it would be in the Board's interest if both coals were the same to give the contract to Rogers at 20 cents a ton lower than the tender of the Connell Coal Company. He was asked as to complaints by caretakers with reference to the quality of the coal:

Q.—The first two years it was not so satisfactory?

A.—I think that is the reason we asked the report from the caretakers; some favored it and some did not.

Q.—There had been complaints during the first year or two that the Connell Coal people had the contract?

A.—Just ordinary by the caretakers, they did not like the coal and I was often in the schools. Mr. Bishop got a report from every caretaker.

Q.—Did you and Mr. Bishop arrange the particulars of the test?

A.—I think we had some discussion how it should be done and if I remember right I think that we sent three tons down to the University. I believe three tons was got from Wellesley School, I forget the school, and then I think three tons was got from Rogers and three tons from Mr. Connell's yards. I think Mr. Bishop thought it would be a good idea, at least I did, perhaps, that we should know what coal we already received and then we should know what the coal was that we were going to supply the Board of Education with, by taking it from the yard, and the same with Rogers, I think that is how it was done.

With reference to H. A. E. Kent, Mr. Wheeler in his evidence said that they had supplied Mr. Kent with coal, but on being asked to produce their accounts for the coal supplied to Mr. Kent he could not do so. In Mr. W. H. Smith's account there appeared to be an item for coal delivered to the residence of Mr. Kent on Huron Street.

In his examination Mr. Smith explained this as follows:

Q.—You remember when Mr. Kent was on the Board; did you have any dealings with him about coal; in your account I see there is a charge for a ton of coal sent up to his place, to 370 Huron St.?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Two tons of nut?

A.—Yes, I remember that case.

Q.—Do you remember anything about it?

A.—Mr. Kent was in the Manning Arcade on Yonge St.; he