

588. Showing freight carried over the Intercolonial Railway to Dalhousie for the Inch Arran Hotel? Yes.

589. You knew about them, I suppose? I heard about them in September.

590. September last? Yes.

591. What did you hear about them in September? I heard that the freight had been sent on these bills without charges being put on them by the station master at Amherst. I learned that from the station master at Dalhousie.

592. You learned that freight had been sent free? No, but without charges being put on the bills.

593. I see that some of the bills at the time are marked free. I see it on the bills? I have never seen those bills. They may have been marked free.

594. But you learned in September last that freight had been sent on those bills without charges being put on them. Was that the first occasion you heard of freight going to the Inch Arran House without charge? Certainly, that was the first occasion I heard of it, and that came out in answer to a question of mine, addressed to the station master at Dalhousie.

595. Had you any suspicion of it? No, I had not, but I wanted to settle all the bills in connection with it, as I was paying all the money away for Mr. Schreiber. Mr. Schreiber resided here a long way from the place, and I acted as agent for paying money.

596. You do not mean Mr. Schreiber as general superintendent? Mr. Schreiber in his private capacity as owner of the hotel.

597. And you in your private capacity was acting as his agent? Quite so. If you will allow me I will give you a letter. On the 14th September, I telegraphed I was going away for six weeks, and I wished to see that all the accounts were closed up properly before I went, as the hotel was closed about the 15th or 16th of September, and on the 14th September I telegraphed (See Exhibit M) to J. McLeod, Dalhousie as follows:—"Do Rhodes & Curry owe you anything? Were the materials they brought up this year for improvements at Inch Arran consigned to them or to whom? Were the way-bills prepaid or to pay?"

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598. That was addressed to the Station Master at Dalhousie? Yes. On the 14th September, I wrote a letter following that telegram to Mr. McLeod. (See Exhibit N.)

599. What date is that letter? 14th September, 1885. The house was closed at that time.

600. And you evidently were afraid, then, that some persons were forwarding freight to Hillson free, and you wanted to check it? No, but Mr. Schreiber, after he became owner of the house, gave me instructions in writing and verba'ly, to see that nothing was done in favor of that hotel more than any other hotel and to see that everything was kept perfectly straight.

601. Have you got those instructions in writing? I think I have, somewhere.

602. Can you produce them? I do not know whether I can or not, just now.

603. Those instructions were given to you when Mr. Schreiber took charge of the hotel, on the 13th of September; now, I have information that certain freight had been carried over that road free. You evidently must have had such information too, before you wrote that letter? No, I did not know that any freight had been carried free, but I thought that possibly there had been some mistake.

604. Why did you speak of freight to be carried to Hillson more than to any other? If you will allow me, briefly, to go into the whole thing from the beginning you will understand all about it. On the 14th of September the same day I telegraphed to him, Mr. McLeod, the station master, answered this way. (See Exhibit O.) That is his telegram. His letter of the 15th September arrived after I went away. I went away on the 16th and I did not see it until my return. (See Exhibit P.) Here is another letter I wrote him on the 15th, (See Exhibit Q.) and on 17th (See Exhibit R). Then there is a letter written to McLeod on the 15th October, 1885, about a month afterwards. (See Exhibit S.)