

TORONTO BROKERS TELL OF BANK STOCK SALES

Further Evidence in the Lindsay Trial—Crown's Case is Not Yet Concluded.

LINDSAY, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The crown's case in the charge of conspiracy to injure the Farmers' Bank brought against McGill, Fleury and Coulter, former employees, is not yet concluded, and from appearances the trial will continue into next week.

Col. Mason, general manager of the Home Bank, was the first witness today. He had seen McGill for the first time 17 days after he had resigned from the Farmers' Bank, and had received three other applications from Farmer's Bank managers for situations in the Home Bank. He had thought in October, 1908, of opening a branch in Lindsay.

Joseph Taylor, from near Bobcaygeon, gave evidence as to his circulating of reports detrimental to the Farmers' Bank. A stockholder of the Farmers' Bank had told him that the man that had canvassed to sell Farmer's Bank stock to some of those who purchased, had represented himself to be a farmer, but was in reality a stock broker of Toronto. Witness had told this to the president of the cheese factory company, as he had money in the bank.

Thomas Mitchell said he was a commercial traveler and knew McGill. He met him in September after he had left the Farmers' Bank and congratulated him on the change. He had mentioned that he heard an injunction for \$150,000 had been entered against the Farmers' Bank.

"You put the details in writing?" was asked, and a small piece of paper was produced by the crown counsel, which was apparently taken from a pocket note book, and the witness said he thought that was the paper. It had been given to a customer named Hill, marked "strictly confidential."

Transferred Their Accounts. A Beacock, Dickcy and Thompson, farmers at Newblain, told how they had been met by some of the accused, and had consequently transferred their accounts.

Mr. Cowan, counsel for defendants, appealed to the judge with regard to the appearance of General Manager Travers as a crown witness, admitting that he had not received certain information from the chief accountant.

Mr. Travers had told him McGill was out of the Farmers' Bank, and he sent him to Lindsay as accountant, and to find out about McGill.

Frightened Another Manager. Mr. McConchy, manager of Farmers' Bank at Pontypool, said he had met Coulter at the station there, and Coulter had said McGill had informed him that the shareholders of the bank were selling as low as 10 or 11, and that an injunction was out for \$150,000 against the bank, and that McGill, Coulter and Fleury had resigned.

Witness stated to Coulter that he might resign, too, if that was true. Oliver Masters said he was an investment broker in Toronto, and had purchased 10 shares of Farmers' Bank stock for some real estate which had \$2100 against it. The ten shares were sold to James E. McDougall of the London Stock Company for five shares at 7 per cent dividend. The London stock proved worthless.

Mr. Cowan: "If you knew that \$150,000 of the Farmers' Bank money had been carried over to Syracuse to be put into the People's Mutual Life Insurance, would you have bought at 25?"

Brokers Give Evidence. C. Furlong, representing Heron & Co. members of the Toronto Stock Exchange, said they had bought Farmers' Bank stock from the London Stock Co. at \$11 a share and sold it to Green & Co. for \$15. Witness had written to McGill and Fleury regarding stock. In one letter he referred to the Farmers' Bank stock being "a bar" and that he had understood from a fairly reliable source that insiders of the bank were selling their stock.

Mr. Cowan: "Would you have taken Farmers' Bank stock as a gift and allowed it to be carried over to the Farmers' Bank books in your name?"

"Not unless I had sold for it." To Mr. Davidson, the witness explained that "insider" person was a man closely connected with the bank.

A. G. Robertson, representing Greig & Co., Toronto, testified to dealings with Farmers' Bank stock at different times as follows: 20 shares at \$47, 20 shares at \$45, 5 shares at \$41, 1 share at \$37, 5 shares at \$18, 5 shares at \$20, 5 shares at \$18, all before July 31 of this year.

Got Extra Interest. Wm. Chapman had been visited in his yard by McGill and Coulter. Coulter had a large book open on his knees while making out a cheque, but he couldn't say what the book was.

Mr. Cowan: "You have a brother-in-law a deacon?"

"Yes, he was getting four per cent," "I believe so."

"He was paid one per cent in cash?" "I believe so."

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