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Boyd Sticks to His Story

And is Ready to Prove It

Tells Why He Did Not Speak of \$10,000 Bribe Many Months Ago.

Owen Sound, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—On

two occasions, George M. Boyd, the

former representative for North Grey

in the legislature, has made the state-

ment from a public platform that im-

mediately previous to the protest trial

which was held last November, he was

approached and offered a consideration

of \$10,000 cash and a quarter interest

in a valuable timber limit if he would

drop the proceedings against the elec-

tion of A. G. McKenna.

The first public announcement was

made at a Conservative convention

called together here a month ago, to

consider the ways and means of carry-

ing on the present protest. At the

Conservative meeting the announce-

ment was received quietly, as Mr. Boyd

had months before told the story of the

affair to a number of the leading mem-

bers of the party, and the facts had

become so generally known that the

public revelation did not take on the

character of a sensation. At that time

Mr. Boyd did not enter into details,

and at Dundalk last week simply re-

iterated the charge which he made at

Owen Sound several weeks before.

Mr. Boyd was seen by The World

today, and was informed that the

public revelation of the details of his

story.

"THE STORY IS ABSOLUTELY

TRUE," said Mr. Boyd, "and I

ACTUALLY OFFERED TEN THOUSAND

DOLLARS TO DROP THE PROTEST

ABANDON THE CIRCUMSTANCES

LAST FALL. AT THE TIME THAT

MR. GAMES MADE HIS EXPOSURE

IN THE HOUSE, I FELT THAT I

WAS MY DUTY TO TELL MY STORY

THEN. I WAS RESTRAINED, UN-

FORTUNATELY, BY TWO CITIZENS

WHO KNEW THE CIRCUMSTANCES

OF THE ATTEMPT TO BRIBE ME,

BUT WHO REFUSED THEN TO

SUBSTAIN ME IN MY CHARGE, BE-

CAUSE THIS STEP WOULD IN-

volve AND DISGRACE PERSONAL

FRIENDS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF

POLITICS.

Beyond this generally, Mr. Boyd

would not go at present.

When asked if he would prove his

charges before a committee appointed

to investigate the matter, he replied

emphatically in the affirmative. "I

have in mind the disadvantages under

which Mr. Games worked through divul-

ging the details of the evidence which

he had collected, and did not propose to

repeat the mistake.

The people here scarcely know how

to take Mr. Boyd's story, and the ex-

position in the House last March, and

the hair-raising developments of the

past two years, during which the

story has been so generally known.

It takes a sensation of the first water

to move the people.

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