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his promises. He had not accused Mr. Blair of taking the \$200 himself.

The hon gentleman would not be a party to such a proceeding, but those who knew the attorney general would know how absurd it was to accuse that gentleman of threatening to kick out of his office anyone who had gone there offering money as a contribution to an election fund even though such contribution were given on the understanding that the contributor was to receive in return a public effice. It was an actual fact that long ago Mr. Blair was approached by a gentleman who had teld him that when a certain office was vacant that he was willing to bid so much for it.

Hon, Mr. Blair—Pahaw!

Mr. Pitts said the attorney general had asked to speak on behalf of Mr. Wilson. The latter gentleman would have been here be talk for himself if he had not held on so long to the cost tails of the attorney general. It has been said that no money was paid by Mr. Quinn. Me could prove that Mr. Quinn had paid \$50 for getting the office of engrossing clerk and Mr. Quinn's father was willing to swear to that statement. It was idle for the attorney general to say that the reference in the letter sent by Mr. Bar. Quinn's father was willing to swear to that statement. It was idle for the attorner general to say that the reference in the letter sent by Mr. Barry to Mr. Quinn did not refer to Mr. Quinn's chances of getting the office for which he had applied, as Mr. Quinn was not concerned in, whether Mr. Barry's arrangements about funds for election purposes were complete or not, but was concerned in what his chances for the office were and that, undoubtedly, was what Mr. Barry desired his letter to Mr. Quinn to be understood to be referring to. What was the use of Mr. Wilson saying that no money had passed between him and Mr. Quinn when it is a fact that the clerks in Mr. Wilson's office knew all about it at the time?

Hon. Mr. Blair—Has the hon, member the manliness to formulate a charge and have this matter investigated by a committee of this house. It was unfair that he should make serious charges without having the courage to submit them to a committee for investigation. In this way, however, these ill-founded charges were circulated abroad where, no one knowing this man, some credence may be given to a slandar.

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Dr. Stockton—You have said pretty hard things about Mr. Scott of the Sun newspaper, and very frequently some pretty hard things are said in the government papers about members of the opposition.

Hon. Mr. Blair — I have no sympathy with unfounded attacks, whether made against a member of the government or

Mr. Pitts—It has been attempted to be denied that Mr. Lipsett never paid \$100 to an election fund on condition that he would get an office but that gentlemen is prepared to swear that he did contribute the amount named for that purpose. He (Pitts) had not come here and made any public statement regarding the would-be leader of the Liberal party in Canada without fully considering the effect of such statement.

such statement.

Hon. Mr. Blair—I want to ask the hon member if he is prepared to furnish to this house the original of the documents which he read to this house the other day, particularly do I desire to ask if he can furnish the original of the receipt alleged to be signed by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Pitts—We will produce all the evi-

dence that you want.

Hon. Mr. Blair — There is not the shadow of a foundation for the hon. member's statement, and I challenge him to ask for a committee for investigation. I repeat my question, is he prepared to furnish the original of the alleged receipts given by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Pitts—I saw a copy of the receipt, and when the \$150 note was paid the receipt was returned to Mr. Wilson.

Hon. Mr. Blair—Scandalous.

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and the following is a copy of what Mr. Wilson so wrote:

"After thinking over the matter of asking you to sign a written promise to give William the position, I feel I made a mistake. I acted hastily in the matter, and had no intention of making you think I had no faith in your word. I have no experience in such matters, and thought of it as a business transaction." I did not write or send this letter to Mr. Blair.

9. A short time after, and about the first day of April, 1890. William informed me that he had waited upon Mr. Wilson at the house of assembly (Mr. Wilson then being a representative of the county of York), and sent in to Mr. Wilson on the floors of the house the following letter written upon a C. P. R. telegraph blank:

Which letter my son told me had been returned to him by a messenger, with the following memorandum endorsed thereon in Mr. Wilson's handwriting, and signed by Mr. Wilson:

"Scan't go out until this matter is over. I may have something to say. Did your father write to Blair? He has not the letter yet.

"Yours, etc., "W. Wilson."

10. In 1891 William was appointed an engrossing clerk for the house of assembly for that year, and he filled the position; for that year and was also holding the position in the session of 1892, at the time of his death. I declined to accept this position for William in lieu of the situation that had been promised, and on March 12, 1891, I wrote a letter to Mr. Wilson, of which the following is a copy:

"FREDERICTON, March 12, 1891.

Mr. Pitts thought this entirely cleared his skirts, that the statment he had made was not detrimental to him.

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Hon. Mr. Blair asked whether, having read this declaration, the hon. member proposed to follow it further and ask for accommittee of this house to ascertain whether there were any foundation for the insinuations put forward as respects himself? He desired nothing more than to have these people make oath to their knowledge of the matter. He did not acknowledge the authenticity of the letters to and from Mr. Quinn, for he kept no copies of his own correspondence, at the received containing suggestions of which no notice was taken. He had taken no notice of Mr. Quinn's suggestion that he would help in the election. Probably when Mr. Quinn wrote it, having a friendly feeling towards the government, he thought that he would forward his plans by a financial offer. But as for his ever having directly or indirectly, communicated with Mr. Quinn, recognizing him as giving any subscription in lieu of an office, or making any promise to Quinn upon that basis, or being a party to any such proposition, he desired to give it, as he did the other day, his most absolute and unqualified denial, which he would be prepared to verify under oath, supported by other testimony, if these gentlemen chose to follow the matter up. There was nothing in Mr. Quinn's statement, which, in the slightest degree, impunged or impeached the statement that he (Blair) made the other day as regards the financial part of the transaction. If any money had passed between individuals, it clid not pass with his knowledge. His information was that Mr. Quinn made no contribution to the election fund. Mr. Wilson says there never was such an arrangment and that it was a matter of imagination. He asked, as a matter of imagination. He asked, as a matter of air play, if any hon. members sought to base any imputation against himself, that they should formulate their charge and ask for a committee of the house, who would be thoroughly competent to hear all the evicommittee of the house, who would be thoroughly competent to hear all the evi-dence offered under oath. He presumed it was not the first time that people had heard of election contributions.

Mr. Pitts—Yes, they heard of them in Queens, as well as in York.

Hon. Mr. Blair—If the hon. member desires to have that subject ventilated let him ask for an investigation into the election in York at which he was returned.

Mr. Pitts—Do you say that I spent any

York at which he was returned.

Mr. Pitts—Do you say that I spent any money in that election?

Hon. Mr. Blair—I do not know that the hon. member himself contributed, but I know that he was thoughly aware that many thousands of dollars were contributed in that election by means of which his return was second. election by means of which his return was secured. Despite the unholy cry these gentlemen raised in that election they could not possibly have carried the county of York without deluging it with money. After all the digging and delving of these gentlemen opposite, this was the full product of their labors.

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Mr. Pitts-You are not at all sceptical now as to the originality of the documents. Hon. Mr. Blair—I am not at all assured of it. I would be very sorry to acknowledge it, because from the experience we have had here it is quite possible that this letter of Mr. Quinn's has no actual existence in fact. However, I merely say, not in a definant or chal-lenging way, that if any inference is to be suggested against myself, I think it is only