

MR. BARRON.—You have no right to say it. You have no right to say there is a sworn statement against a witness, unless you brought the man here and allowed us to put him under cross-examination.

MR. SCHULTZ.—I understand Mr. Chairman, I am not to place this statement before the committee. I call your attention to the fact that the whole of this investigation has arisen from a sworn statement by Mr. James Stewart.

MR. SKINNER.—I do not think a sworn statement is evidence unless the person making it is here to be cross examined.

By Lieut.-Gov. Schultz :

759. If Mr. Joseph Monkman says he was employed in 1889 by the Lieutenant Governor, through his secretary, to act as guide and assistant on the first trip of the patrol boat "Keewatin" would that statement be correct?—Yes.

760. If he said: "I was informed that James Stewart was to be sailing master, and that both of us were to be under the command of Captain Begin of the North West Mounted Police, and to carry out such directions as he gave us. My wages were to be \$40 per month if I boarded myself, and \$30 if supplied with food. After the completion of my term of service I received in all, for this service, the sum of \$80 for which I gave a receipt to His Honour the Lieut. Governor. My connection with the patrol boat ceased after the two months service for which I was paid, as I did not feel safe with a man like Stewart. I remained at my home till I was asked, later on, to accompany Mr. John Cornish in a light draught boat, which had been purchased, from which service I returned, being paid for the last named service \$28 in cash. I was unwilling to go out with Stewart again because I did not feel safe with him. The light draught boat drew six inches of water and the patrol boat "Keewatin" from 18 inches to 2 feet. I took with me upon the trip in the patrol boat "Keewatin" the following provisions which I purchased from Mr. Thomas Galloway, merchant of Selkirk—tea, sugar, bacon and biscuits, to the value of \$18.50 for which I paid him, and for which I have since received as much provisions from Lieut. Governor Schultz. Of this amount James Stewart paid nothing, but he shared in the provision. James Stewart did not furnish any of the provisions used during the whole trip of the patrol boat "Keewatin"?

By Mr. Barron :

761. If this man has said what has just been read to you, is it true?—No; it is not true. Monkman has misunderstood the facts. He went up and bought provisions and paid for them. He told me that he had \$5 from Doctor Bown, and he wished me to take that \$5 to Doctor Bown, and the balance I paid to him.

By Mr. Moncrieff :

762. Then it is all correct but that?—In the general way.

By Lieut.-Gov. Schultz :

763. If he says he was paid \$80 for his services with the "Keewatin," would you believe him?—I don't know.

764. Do you think he might have received that?—I don't know.

765. Would you believe if he told you, he had received \$80?—Yes; if he said so.

766. If Captain Begin were to make a statement like this, would you believe it: "A few days afterwards we arrived at Grand Rapids. I had thus found that Stewart was unfit to take the boat back to Selkirk, and finding a strong man there wishing to go I sent him with the boat. My own experience of the boat on that trip was that she was well built, well rigged and in due proportion. Everything was new and good. The canvas was new and the sails; both had three reefs and were strong and good. The boat I believe to have been one of the best ever put on Lake Winnipeg." Now, do you agree with Captain Begin?—I don't agree with him.

767. And if he described further in his report the incidents of the voyage and stated that you were so frightened that he had to let you lie down on the bottom of