

agent, I think his name was Seuter, who was an agent for some American railways, in Essex. I found he was going everywhere and certain parties were about leaving and I notified Mr. Lowe and the Minister of Agriculture to have literature sent to them to counteract as far as possible the literature placed in their hands by the American agent.

14. Did you make a report from time to time? From time to time on my work in Kent and Essex.

15. Did you make a report of your work elsewhere? Not outside of this county.

16. You were then working for the Department about 6½ months and did not report what you had done? I reported when I got through. I did not report from time to time.

17. You reported when you got through? Yes; and in the meantime I got from Mr. Lowe and the Department of the Interior, which must be found herein, a large amount of Canadian literature for distribution in the United States. I had it all piled up in Chatham and intended taking it with me, but afterward had it mailed to parties in the United States.

18. Afterward I see you bought a ticket and took a sleeper to St. Paul? I do not think that is correct. I think I went to St. Paul in June, and came back from St. Paul in June. That is when I bought the ticket which I charged to the Department. I came down here.

19. When do you say you went to St. Paul? Sometime in June.

20. What time? I really cannot tell you.

21. Have you no account? I kept this account in a diary and pass book which I gave to Mr. Mitchell.

22. Have you that diary? No.

23. Has Mr. Mitchell it? No; he has not got it and that is the reason I brought him here.

24. You went to St. Paul in June? I went there in June, as I remember I was telegraphed by Mr. Mitchell to come back in June.

25. What time in June? I have not the slightest idea.

26. You must have some idea. Was it the first week or last? I really cannot tell you without my book.

27. You have no idea whether you went on the 1st, 15th or last of June? I have not the slightest idea. I know I went there and was there four or five days, and was telegraphed for by Mr. Mitchell, and returned and went to Toronto and Ottawa.

28. How do you make sure it was in June, if you are not sure as to the dates? I am sure it was in June, from the fact of my having taken a sudden trip afterward.

29. What time did you come back from this trip? I came back within a week, I think. I was wired by Mr. Mitchell to come; that I was needed.

30. I see by this account that you took a sleeper to St. Paul and Minneapolis? I would say in relation to this account, that I never saw this account until it was shown to me by Mr. Rykert yesterday morning.

31. You rendered an account to the Department? It was written by Mr. Mitchell, the gentleman whom you spoke of as my confidential clerk, and it was mailed to Mr. Carling.

32. You gave him the dates? I gave him my diary and pass book with which to make up the account.

33. Mr. Mitchell is a reliable man? I always looked upon him as such.

34. He was your confidential clerk? He was at one time; but he has left me and has only been working for me at odd times.

35. You supposed he would make out the account in accordance with dates in the diary and memorandum book? I do not know that he could. The items were mixed and one running into the other and it was quite possible there might be no dates. I depended upon him getting the exact sums. I am satisfied he did not put in any sums I had not paid out.