

*By Mr. Tarte :*

Q. Where were these books lately?—A. I think they were in Mr. Kingston's office.

Q. They were not in your hands?—A. No, sir.

*By Mr. Barker :*

Q. They were not at your house at all?—A. No, sir.

Q. Was Mr. Kingston at your house?—A. No, sir.

Q. Has Mr. Charleson a house here?—A. Yes.

Q. Were you at his house?—A. I was.

Q. About this matter?—A. No, sir.

Q. I do not mean visiting at his house; I mean in connection with the telegraph lines?—A. No, sir.

Q. You were not there discussing telegraph matters?—A. No, sir.

Q. This contract for the delivery of poles to the Government that you made in 1899, was that the only contract for the delivery of poles you entered into in the Yukon?—A. Yes.

Q. The only one? Did you make a contract for the delivery of any other materials?—A. In 1899, No.

Q. Did you in the following year?—A. No.

Q. Did you at any time?—A. No.

Q. Then you simply bought the poles from Mr. Johnston for this one transaction?—A. I sublet the contract to Mr. Johnston.

Q. Have you any books relating to those transactions, books of your own?—A. Yes.

Q. Any contracts or letters or writings?—A. No.

Q. You have books however?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you any objection to letting us see these books?—A. Certainly, I have.

Q. Will you state what your objection is?—A. My objection is that it is my own private business.

Q. You are a servant of the Government still?—A. Now? Yes.

Q. You are not a trader in the sense that you are afraid to let your competitors see what you buy at, are you?—A. No.

Q. The disclosure of the price at which you got these poles, won't affect your trade out there?—A. That is my own business.

Q. I asked you, would it?—A. No, I do not suppose it would.

Q. Then as it cannot affect you as a trader in any sense, will you tell me what reason, apart from your assertion that it is your private affair, what reason you have, not to give your employers the information as to what price you can get poles at?—No answer.

*By Mr. Fielding :*

Q. Have your employers asked it?—A. No.

*By Mr. Barker :*

Q. What in 1899 could you get poles out there, from men like Johnston, for?—A. I decline to answer.

Mr. HAGGART—I move that the witness be compelled to answer.

*By Mr. Fielding :*

Q. Just a moment, Mr. Haggart; you supplied the poles at \$2?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you know the price at which they were being supplied before?—A. Yes.

Q. What was that?—A. \$3.