

A.—I could not tell; I mean to say that the distribution of moneys applied to those purposes was at the time when we were fighting the Midland Railway.

Q.—What was the money paid for?

A.—It was paid for the expense and remuneration of various deputations into the country, and local expenses of the opposition to the Midland.

Q.—Have you any account of the particulars to which the money was paid?

A.—I have not.

Q.—Why was it left as a debit to Wm. Hamilton & Sons, when they did not owe any such sum?

A.—Because it was for confidential services.

Q.—And it has waited from that time until now?

A.—Until there was an opportunity to place it in capital account. To adjust it then and provide for it from capital, we were working for a capital account at that very time.

Q.—What do you mean?

A.—We were seeking legislation by which the Northern Railway Company could raise new money for various purposes; we had no capital account at the time of these transactions, and we suspended the entries in anticipation of the powers we have since received.

Q.—Was it Hamilton & Sons who disbursed this money?

A.—No, it was disbursed under the control of a number of gentlemen who were interested with myself.

Q.—Had Hamilton & Sons received this money?

A.—They received a note, and the proceeds were appropriated under the control of the parties connected with the Muskoka and the Northern Railway and were paid out to local persons on the line of the disputed territories, and individuals who went on deputations from Toronto for that purpose.

Q.—Who was it that made these appropriations?

A.—The President of the Northern Railway at that time, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Wilson, the late partner of the Hon. Frank Smith, and quite a number of people—Mr. Smith, collector of Customs, who had been a director of our road, was one.

Q.—Was he a Director at this time?

A.—I am not sure, at that time; he was immediately before, at any rate.

Q.—And he assisted in appropriating this money?

A.—I do not know that he assisted, but we were all cognizant of the way the money was placed.

Q.—Was the money paid to him?

A.—No, not to my knowledge.

Q.—Did he get any of it?

A.—I think he did.

Q.—How much did he get?

A.—He went like all the others out to canvass and work, and our expenses were paid. I do not know how much he got, and I do not know that he personally got any. His services were gratuitous.

Q.—Were any expenses incurred in the same matter besides the proceeds of that note?

A.—Not by the Northern Company.

Q.—No other moneys out of the funds of the Northern Company?

A.—That was the sole amount of money of the Northern funds disbursed in that battle.

Q.—With respect to the next item of \$12,593.21—How long had that been standing at your debit in the books of the Northern Railway Company?

A.—Since early in 1873.

Q.—Can you give me the particulars of the notes making up that sum?

A.—There were two notes, one was given on the 30th June, 1869, of \$2,181.29, the other on the 15th April, 1873, of \$10,411.92.

Q.—These were notes of yours to the Company?