

his candidature. He met me previous to the meeting and arranged that I should address the Normal and High Schools. He went with me to the schools, and introduced me to several of the teachers in both schools. I may say he was unable to be with me later in the day when I addressed the schools. As I was there to speak in his support as a candidate, before I went to the schools we spent some time in a private talk concerning the situation in Regina, and particularly regarding his own candidature.

"That night, I addressed a meeting in his interests, with Mr. Coldwell on the platform. He also spoke.

"He was defeated, and he wrote me after the election was over—as far as my recollection goes—thanking me for services I had rendered. I replied to this. The communications were of an entirely friendly character.

"The next time I saw him was in Ottawa some time last spring—about a year ago.

"Mr. Coldwell called at my office, and he then made some explanation in regard to a gentleman who had come down from Regina with a letter of introduction to myself from him. He explained to me that he had no connection with the request that the gentleman made for permits. He also informed me that when the gentleman returned to Regina, he stated that he was unable to do anything with me, and I had refused to grant him any permits. Mr. Coldwell seemed anxious for me to understand that he had no connection with the request for those permits, and was anxious to make this plain to me so that I would get no false impressions, in order that he might reinstate himself in my estimation.

"This led to a few general remarks with regard to the question of issuing of permits, in which as a matter of fact, Mr. Coldwell took perhaps a larger part than I did. The fact that he was so anxious to dissociate himself from any connection with his friend who was seeking the permits, taken with what he said, led me to believe that he knew something of rumors which had been current with regard to the issuing of permits. The conversation was back and forth, not a consecutive statement by either one, as given by the witness in his evidence.

"I gave him some idea of the difficulties in regard to the issuing of permits, and expressed my dislike of that part of my duties which required me to take the responsibility of dealing with these applications. I expressed my desire that there be nothing in connection with my conduct of affairs that would not be absolutely correct.

Regarding Mr. Coldwell's statement about my telling him I had checked up the records of the Department regarding the number of permits issued by my predecessors, and that I said I wrote my predecessor and that he wrote his predecessor—I might explain here that Sir Henry Drayton was my predecessor—I want to say very positively, that if Mr. Coldwell got this information at all, he did not get it from me. At no time did I ever examine or check up the previous records of the Department in regard to the number of permits issued by my predecessor. I have no knowledge of the number of permits issued by them, and I did not write to my predecessor in connection with the number of permits which he had issued.

"In connection with refusing Mr. Coldwell's friend, I cited to Mr. Coldwell a case where a gentleman had come in—a young lawyer—who was not a Member of Parliament nor had ever been in the House. He had a large number of permits. I felt rather annoyed, and just shouted the question across the table—"How much do you get for these permits"