

December 7th-20th.

The letter left Kinnear's Mills on the morning of the 7th of December, and arrived in Toronto in due course on the evening of the 8th. On the morning of the 9th, the letter carrier brought it to Dr. Warden's office and delivered it to Miss King, his lady stenographer; she receipted for it in the outer office and immediately took it to Dr. Warden, who was in the inner office. He opened it immediately in her presence. It contained the letter from Mr. Whitelaw, a Quebec Bank statement, and a piece of cardboard, but neither money nor private note. Dr. Warden says, from the manner in which he had previously received money, both from Mr. Kinnear and Mr. Whitelaw, he expected the money would be in dividend cheques. As there were none in the letter, he thought of telegraphing; but upon ascertaining there was no telegraph office at Kinnear's Mills, he wrote to Mr. Whitelaw the letter (exhibit 3) dated the 9th, and, before he received any reply wrote a second one (exhibit No. 6), dated the 13th.

In the first of these letters, Dr. Warden informs Mr. Whitelaw that the envelope contained nothing but the letter, the Quebec Bank statement, *and the piece of cardboard*, and expresses the hope that the money was in the form of a cheque or draft, and that in some way it was omitted to be enclosed. He further states in it that from the shape of the envelope it does not seem that it could have contained much more than what he actually found in it. He says "it is flat and not bulged out at all."

The second letter expresses anxiety at not having received a reply to the first. It appears that, when the first letter arrived at Kinnear's Mills, Mr. Whitelaw was absent from home, but received the first letter on or before the 14th, on which day he sent the telegram (exhibit No. 5), "Sent bills, Quebec, American, Hochelaga, fifties, two twenties, one ten. Writing." And on the same day wrote the letter (exhibit No. 6.)

This letter, of course, is important, as it contains Mr. Whitelaw's first formal statement. It is as follows:

"Dear Dr. Warden,—I have just returned from meeting of Presbytery at Richmond to be shocked by receipt of your letter. At the same time I mailed three registered letters, and the other two arrived all right. I cannot understand it, otherwise than it is a matter of extracting money from the letter, for I assure you the money was sent all right. In that case you would naturally suppose there would be some evidence of the envelope being opened. I have wired you that I sent bills,—one American fifty, one Hochelaga fifty, and one Quebec fifty. I think the two twenties were Quebec, and also the ten. I generally note the numbers of large bills, but as we had to attend a social function that evening, I did not take that precaution. Was the envelope sealed with wax when it reached you? I did not put on any wax, but closed it securely, and remember remark-