

## SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE GIVEN LAST EVENING AT POLICE INVESTIGATION

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said he would not take anything till it was all over.  
Witness told A. they must get the Chief to take \$100, and promised to give the Chief an additional \$2,000 by the next Tuesday. Mr. A. later said he had made this offer to the Chief.

### Chief Refuses Money.

Mr. A. said he told the Chief he would draw on witness for \$500, and give the Chief \$250, and take his note which he would not have to pay. The Chief again refused to take anything, saying he had every confidence in McGregor.

Witness saw the Chief and asked: Did Mr. A. tell you I would like to give you \$100?

The Chief said: No, he did not. Witness told the Chief the offer stood good, as the deal depended on having the Chief in.

The Chief said he expected to be in at the finish, but would not take anything then. The Chief said he was on the level, and had never done a man a dirty trick.

The Chief said he wanted to see McGregor get the deal through, but would help him if he could, but did not want any money then.

Witness said all the commissioners had been seen, and that he thought the deal would go through. The Chief said he would get after Mr. A. The Chief also told him he had just received a nice compliment from the recorder over the Isaac affair.

The Chief had a flush on his face. The Chief might have been drinking, but witness would give him the benefit of the doubt.  
After some further explanation of his efforts to get the Chief to take the money, witness said that concluded his part in the affair.

### Anonymous Letters.

The Commissioner—Have you examined any anonymous letters since you've been here?

A—Yes, two.

Q—The contents of these letters were they ordinary warnings or scurrilous?

A—They were scurrilous.

Q—Are you prepared to give evidence and confirm your opinion?

A—Yes.

The Commissioner—That will do.

### Chief Clerk Called.

Q—What statement have you to make about this matter?

A—A lot of it is not true.

Q—What parts?

A—I would have to go over the evidence to get what I want.

Q—Tell me a number of parts you think are not true?

A—Sullivan used different words that were not said. I did not talk of deals, or greasing anybody.

Q—Did you give a letter of introduction to Mr. A?

A—Yes.

Q—Did you have several conferences with the party to whom you gave the letter of introduction?

A—No, I met him on the street, and asked what I knew about this man McGregor. I was very little, except that he was talking of starting amusement houses here.

Q—I'll give you a chance to make a statement. Did McGregor ask you to help him pull off the deal?

A—No—not to pull off a deal.

Q—Did you enter into any arrangement with him?

A—No. Not more than I do to any other man coming to my office asking for information. He first wanted information about the laws governing moving picture shows.

Q—Did you understand you were to receive compensation?

A—No. I was offered money and refused it.

Q—Did you anticipate getting anything when the matter was put through?

A—No, I did not.

Q—Did you expect a Mr. A. would get anything?

A—Yes, I said to him he was a broker and to look out for his commission.

Q—Did you say a commissioner could be greased?

A—No, I said I thought you could be reached.

Q—Did you mean I would sell my vote?

A—No. I meant you might be induced to sell the property if the price was sufficient. It is under your own department.

Continuing, witness said that when McGregor first talked of buying the market building, he said to him, why waste your time on that? There are plenty of other places.

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Q—Did you have any other conferences with Mr. A?

A—No, I have no recollection. I called up A. on the phone, but he was not at home. Yes, I did meet him again on the street.

Q—What did you say?

A—I said: Why waste your time? The country market is not in the market. Then there's the price. You can get other places for a moving picture house.

Q—About that \$25,000.

Q—What was the \$25,000 for?

A—I don't know.

Q—Was there \$25,000 mentioned?

A—Yes. McGregor talked a lot about it.

Q—What did he mention it was for?

A—Brokerage, he said.

Q—How much of the brokerage were you to get?

A—Not a cent.

Q—You swear you were not told that you were to participate.

A—McGregor offered me money, but I said: "No, I won't take it. You have got no value from me. I have done no more for you than I would for any other man coming to my office for information."

Q—What did you want to think over one night in naming a man? Why did you mention Walsh?

A—I have absolutely no recollection of mentioning Walsh.

Q—Did you mention Nevins?

A—Yes.

Q—What was Nevins to do?

A—As a broker.

Q—When McGregor spoke of buying the market, did he say it was necessary to get McLehlan's support?

A—No. I have no recollection that he did. I said it would be necessary to see McLehlan, as you have charge of the market.

Q—Why did you send him to the Mayor?

A—As I understand the charter the Mayor is overseer of everything.

Q—Did you ask what McLehlan would get out of it?

A—No. But McGregor said a lot about what McLehlan would get out of it.

Q—When the \$25,000 was mentioned did you understand it was all for brokerage in connection with the purchase of the market?

A—No, for all the properties. McGregor spoke of buying the Prescott and Magee properties, also a place on Charlotte street, and the old Y. M. C. A. building.

Q—Did McGregor ask you to name a man to represent McLehlan in connection with buying the Y. M. C. A.?

A—No.

Q—Did you understand McGregor was asking you to assist in purchasing other properties besides the market?

A—He did not ask me to assist in anything. He merely asked me to name a man.

Q—What was the brokerage for?

A—To do his business.

Q—Can't a man buy property without having McLehlan in it?

A—I don't know.

Q—Did you say he did not participate in his talk about the market?

A—Yes, he did. He said he wanted the market. I pook-hooded his idea of getting it. But from what he said I gathered he had a chance to buy it.

Q—Did you think it strange that the Chief of Police should be consulted about the sale of city property?

A—No, people came to me about all kinds of things. At first he came to me and asked about the laws.

Q—Did you tell Sullivan that once in a while you look at some moving picture films and save the proprietor some money?

A—There was one case a long time ago, when I condemned a film. The manager of the house said he would return the film and get his money back.

Q—What was your idea in telling this to Mr. Sullivan?

A—We were talking about moving pictures in a general way.

Q—Have you control of the picture houses?

A—No.

Q—Why then did you tell him you approved films once in a while?

A—What did Sullivan want this letter of introduction for?

A—He wanted to get acquainted with Mr. A.

Q—Were there any efforts made to get you to accept money?

A—Yes, he offered me money.

Q—What for?

A—He said I'd introduced him to a good man.

Q—Did you tell Sullivan you would wait till the film got let out, and then expected to be looked after?

A—Never.

Q—Did you understand this \$25,000 was to be used for certain purposes?

A—Yes, for what he said.

Q—What purposes.

A—Purposes of brokerage. To buy lands and do his business for him.

Q—In view of the fact that he wanted a good square man did you recommend John Walsh?

A—No. I have no recollection of mentioning Walsh.

Q—How did McGregor know Walsh was a friend of mine?

A—I don't know that he does. I don't know myself that he is a friend of yours.

Q—A Question of Brokerage.

Q—Why did you mention Nevins?

A—He is a friend of yours.

A—Yes. He's a thorough good man and I knew he had time on his hands.

Q—To get a piece of the \$25,000.

A—I am not saying that.

Q—What brokerage do you think should be paid for buying city property?

A—All depends on the price. In some of the cases that come before the courts the brokerage is pretty heavy.

Q—If the price was \$250,000, the brokerage would be 10 p. c. Is that a fair brokerage?

A—I don't know about that.

Q—Didn't it occur to you that McGregor could get information about the market at City Hall?

A—There is where I told him to go. To the Mayor's office.

Witness said McGregor had come



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to him several times asking for information about the picture laws before broaching the matter of buying the market.

Q—Did you tell him to go to Frederick?

A—No. I told him he could write to Frederick and see John Kenny, the Inspector.

Q—Were they persistent in offering you money?

A—No.

Q—About the time he offered you money he was leaving the city?

A—So he said.

Q—Did you know if he left the city?

A—I did not see him go.

Q—Why then did you write a letter to Boston?

A—in answer to one of him.

Took No Stock in Letters.

The chief said that he had been called up on the phone and told that McGregor had left a letter for him at the office of the Eastern Steamship Company, and was asked what should be done with it. He said to leave it at the office of the Eastern Steamship Company, and a few days later he sent an officer for it.

Witness received several letters from Boston which he took no stock in and did not answer.

Q—You admit the matter of \$25,000?

A—McGregor talked a lot about it reaching or greasing?

A—No.

Q—Did McGregor or Sullivan ask you to provide a man to reach me?

Sullivan said from what he heard about McLehlan he was afraid to go to him, and would like to get a man to see McLehlan. Sullivan wanted a square honest man, and he gave him a letter of introduction to Mr. A.

Q—Do you think there are any square, honest real estate men in St. John?

A—I do.

Q—So do I. Did you think the po-

lice office is in the real estate business?

A—No. And it is not in the business yet.

Q—Didn't Sullivan

Q—No, you think the \$25,000 for brokerage was excessive?

A—Yes, and I told him so. He said, "Oh, our company is rich and we have plenty of money."

Q—Did you believe all he said?

A—No, I don't know as I did. I was not interested enough to find out whether the company was rich or not.

Q—What did you think this man was paying you for, when he offered you money?

A—I don't know. If he had gone far enough, he would have gone down into a cell.

Q—How much farther would he have had to go?

A—Well, you would have to go back on the conversation. He intimated I had been kind to him, and offered to make me some recompense.

A—Why didn't you put him in the cell?

A—He'd violated no law I knew of.

Q—If a man came to you and offered you money for services in connection with reaching a commissioner, what would you do?

A—I'd see if he reached the commissioner, and then I'd look after him and the commissioner, too.

Q—Was that your intention in this case?

A—Do you say that?

A—Do you wish to make a statement?

A—I would require some time. I would like to make a statement covering this matter and the whole investigation. I would want a copy of the evidence.

A Lively Tilt.

Daniel Mullin, K. C., here arose and said that as counsel for Chief Clerk he asked for a sit of the evidence.

The Commissioner—Sit down.

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