

APPENDIX No. 1

On behalf of the complainant I would say, under the conditions as they now exist, it has no objection to the dismissal of the indictment in question, nor has it any pecuniary interest either in having the indictment dismissed or allowed to stand.

Very respectfully yours,

GEO. D. ELDRIDGE.

Q. At whose request did you write the letter referred to ?—A. At the request of Mr. Gordon, the deputy assistant attorney.

Q. Had you been informed then of the fact mentioned in the endorsement of the district attorney, that the newspaper ceased to be published, and the attacks complained of had ceased ?

(Objected to by Counsel for Committee as hearsay. Question allowed.)

A. Mr. Gordon, at the time of asking for the letter, made that statement to me.

Q. You did not succeed in obtaining any letter from Mr. Paterson ?—A. We did not. We found no corresponding letter to mine in the court filed with this.

Q. How did you come to be under the impresssion that there was such a letter the other day ?—A. Mr. Gordon made the statement to me of the discontinuance, and asked a letter from me to the judge, and I got an impression from his request that a similar letter was to be given to the judge by Mr. Paterson or his attorneys.

By the Hon. Mr. Wilson :

Q. You got an impression ?—A. Yes.

Q. Did he state so ?—A. No, it was an impression.

By Mr. Geoffrion, Counsel for the Company :

Q. From the fact that he was exacting from you a similar letter ?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you prepared statements showing the ratio of expenses of the Mutual Reserve as compared with other companies ?—A. I have to a certain extent.

Q. Will you please file and explain whatever statements you have so far prepared ?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Coster, K.C., Counsel for the Committee :

Q. Is this statement taken from the insurance reports ?—A. Yes, I tendered this document in evidence as Exhibit 53a.

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EXHIBIT No. 53a.

'I.'—AS TO EXPENSES IN CANADA.

Basis of Comparison.—Expenses in Canada per \$1,000 of insurance carried in one year by : (a) English companies doing business in Canada ; (b) American companies doing business in Canada.

Year.	(a)	(b)	Mutual Reserve.
1895..	\$6 96	\$5 59	\$3 77
1896..	6 73	5 29	2 87
1897..	6 50	5 48	2 51
1898..	6 68	6 29	2 64
1899..	6 90	7 35	2 68
1900..	7 19	7 77	1 96
1901..	6 47	8 09	2 50
1902..	6 58	8 05	2 01
1903..	6 66	7 86	1 50
Totals..	\$6 77	\$7 04	\$2 63

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