HE WAS STRANGER, BUT GOT BIG TIMBER AREA

Witness at Inquiry Tells How Former Minister, Howard Ferguson, Without Question Gave Him Permit for Whole Township.

James J. Kingston, lumberman and former hotelkeeper, is, according to his evidence before the timber probe yesterday afternoon, one of the most persuasive individuals imaginable But he refused to disclose the secret his success in getting what he wants. He told the commission how he had a slight acquaintance with Howard Ferguson, former minister of lands, forests and mines. Yet despite this great handicap he induc-ed that gentleman, after two or three visits to his office, to grant him 81 square miles—the whole township of Stanley, in fact—containing timber. But in spite of coaxing and cross-exdinduced to tell what his persuasive methods with the former minister were. It was enough for them to know that he saw Mr. Ferguson, talked with him about the limit and "so forth," and later received it. The "so f

Mr. Kingston, examined by Crown Counsel Harding, said he was from New Liskeard and was a lumberman and a former hotelkeeper in Cobalt. He had secured a permit in the township of Stanley from former Minister Howard Ferguson, whom he knew slightly. It was in August he saw Mr. Ferguson, together with his deputy minister. Mr. Grigg, and in the following September the permit was issued. He had not asked any person to see Mr. Ferguson on his behalf. On the first occasion he saw Mr. Ferguson he had a conversation lasting between a half-hour and an

Was Practically a Stranger. Mr. Harding: "You say you were practically a stranger to Mr. Ferguson. Why should he give you a permit? Did you have any claims on

"No, but I thought it was the usual thing to grant permits in return for the payment of the usual

Mr. Harding: "Did you tell Mr. Ferguson you were a strong Liberal

The former minister, witness said, expressed no great amazement at the request. He, however, did not grant the permit on the occasion of witmess' first visit. He was not interested in elections then, altho one was imminent at the time. He had not talked politics with Howard Fergulocate it."

previous

Mr. Grigg: "If such a letter ever reached my office 'officially' I can locate it."

Questioned repeatedly by the commissioners and Mr. Harding, witness could not remember what he had talked about when he saw Mr. Ferguson, except the north country, and the minister or the department.

Mr. Harding: "It was addressed to find out what persuasive methods of lands, and not marked personal."

Better See Mr. Bowman.

Mr. Harding: Why don't you go to
Mr. Bowman and get another timber

Mr. Bowman and get another timber not be found.

Witness: I don't feel inclined Arthur Grigg, deputy minister of dands and forests, told of the search made by his department for some

made by his department to some missing documents.

"If Mr. Ferguson does not know where that letter is, it is rather remarkable," said Justice Riddell. deputy minister was asked eter White, K.C., if he knew what had become of the late Aubrey
White's private files, and replied "No." Many files containing departmental correspondence were left in
a semi-private manner—away from departthe correspondence were left in
note, "Cutting should be compact, not general public but open to de- scattered. O.K. G.H.F."

Difference With Ferguson, always held permits should be sold by open competition, but Mr. Sition was to still the first proposition was to still the township of Ferguson believed, as many others of the property was a sition was to still the first proposition. do, that permits could advantageous-ly be issued otherwise," said witly be issued otherwise," said witness, who recalled a case under the late Mr. Cochrane's administration when a charge of \$70,000 was collected for areas given without competi-

Differed With Minister.
"You and Mr. Ferguson had a difference of opinion as to issuing permits?" asked Peter White, K.C. "I thought that method would leave the department open to unfair criti-

Mr. Grigg also took occasion to Continuing, witness said the work of the cullers in the government's employ could not be supervised by any minister or deputy minister, and their work on knowledge of that."

Sustee Patentord: "You would have no concern with these perjured affiliation of the cullers in the government's devits when these mining claims were taken out?" "No, sir, I would have no knowledge of that."

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Stollage at the work of the cullers of the cullers in the government's devited by any minister or deputy minister, and no knowledge of that." their work and returns was checked by crown timber agents.

Judge Riddell, That means there is no supervision over the cullers.
Mr. Grigg also toofi occasion to

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Master's Chambers

Hevey v. Simpson; O'Leary v. Simpon: R. J. Macleman, for sheriff of foronto, moved for interpleader order;
S. Beattle for plaintiff in first action; J. P. Walsh for plaintiff in second action; J. L. Cohen for claimant, tends two weeks.

Imedical clinic will be carried on in connection with the club, and there will be special accommodation provided to enable members to entertain women relatives.

The committee of ladies who have promoted the idea, and who have worked very hard for the successful

disputes. He was born in Surrey, England, in 1861. He is a past grand treasurer of Freemasonry in England.

Make the statement that the province did not have a competent staff of timber estimators and would never have one until the government paid better salaries.

The government should fix a time limit, witness thought during which timber operations on any particular limit should be allowed.

On the whole the lumbermen were making fair returns to the province, Mr. Grigg said, but in any event he had a scheme which would ensure a much more accurate return to the government.

As things now stood with an unsatisfactory staff of estimators. Mr. Grigg did not think that the bid system of disposing of timber limits was advisable because the government could not secure a sufficiently good estimate of timber upon which to base an intelligent reserve bid.

Peter White, K.C.,: A witness said he personally favored the system of DRUG COMPANY BUYS an intelligent reserve bid.

Peter White, K.C.,: 'A witness said he personally favored the system of the personally favored the system of the personal fact.

BIG BRITISH BUSINESS

selling timber by the thousand feet and if he did this he would have

checks and counter checks to see that he got all he was entitled to.

minister of the department.

More Missing Letters.

you use the word 'officially'."

Justice Latchford: "It's a letter on

Ferguson Was Responsible.

showed that on Oct. 29, 1917, Mr

What File Showed.

"The file shows that the first propo-

known that attempts were being made

Minister Ignored Statutes.

Grigg?" "No, sir."

Justice Latchford: "You would have

ENDING THEIR SEASON

GREAT LAKES VESSELS

Ferguson you were a strong Liberal and did work against the government?"

Mr. Ferguson knew where "I suppose he did."

When the permit was granted witness said he put up a cash deposit on parany.

Jemmett and Boinin, in the deal. He subsequently sold out for \$2,000. Witness old not personally put up any of the deposit money. He, however, had spent about \$600 of his own witnes and any of the deposit money. He, however, had spent about \$600 of his own more yin traveling expenses. He had secured the permit before starting out to finance the deal.

"Was Mr. Ferguson surprised at which and the subsequently sold out for \$2,000. Witness of the deposit money in traveling expenses. He had secured the permit before starting out to finance the deal.

"Was Mr. Ferguson surprised at the many other bean held in connection with mining licenses miles of timber lands?" asked Mr. Harding.

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United Company's Canadian concerns, the United Drug Company, Ltd., and At the morning session of the commission, Deputy Minister Grigg was asked about a letter mentioned at a

PRIORITY FOR CITY IN STREET RAILWAY DEAL

Corporation Counsel Geary has Justice Latchford: "It's a letter on given an opinion on the question of public affairs whether addressed to the minister or the department." city, and takes the ground that an service men as drawn up at the con-agreement can be drawn that will vention. fully protect the city, providing it is sanctioned by the legislature. After quoting authorities, Mr.

Geary writes:
"The legislature of the province of Mr. Harding: "Who was responsible of the province of for giving the Port Arthur Pulp and to the matter. The terms of the pro-Paper Company privilege to cut with-out competition?" be drafted, but I would not be satisfied with any proposed legislation which did not clearly cover all the terms of the rearrangement and fix Mr. Grigg: "Mr. Ferguson made a Justice Riddell: "Then the Hon. Mr. Ferguson is responsible."
Mr. Grigg: "Yes, sir, undoubtedly.
Here is the file." The correspondence beyond question the claim of the city to be paid in priority to all other creditors."

WIFE GIVE FACTS

Hele and this area. Later the sale of the property was refused by the minister," said witness.

Mr. Harding: "Yes, why? It was known that attempts which was declared to have broken every promise made before the election of December 17, 1917. States Cote.

to locate mining claims on this good spruce land, and then it was given without competition an area with a phenomenal number of cords to the acre."

"Both my wife and I have derived so much benefit from Tanlac that we feel it our duty to tell others about the solid Gaudias Cote, 137 Broiseau Justice Riddell: "We have had a

street, Quebec. "For a good many years I was in a number of instances in which after run-down condition with stomach the department open to unfair criticism. There were many cases where permits were justified, but it was hard to differentiate," answered Mr. Grigg.

There were many cases where ing, an order came from Mr. Ferguson that they be passed, and we have been given to understand that this work.

Judge Latchford: Do you know of large and valuable limits being cut over under license?

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Work.

"Tanlac gave me a splendid appetite and I can eat a good square meal and not have any trouble with my large and not have any trouble winder." stomach afterwards. I quickly picked

"My wife was in a badly run-do vn condition, too. She had in ligestion and could eat very little, and had become so weak she had to lie down much of the time. Her nerves, too, were in a bad state.

Cleveland, Ohio Sept. 15.—Many of the larger passenger vessels on the Creat Lakes anded their research.

"When she saw what Takine was doing for me she tried it, too, and is not troubled with indigestion now and is so much stronger that she can do

SIR JOHN EATON TO OPEN MEMORIAL CLUB

Announcements

Weekly court: List for Thursday, 16th inst., at 11 a.m.—Re British Cattle Supply Co.; Waychik v. Majewski; re Standard Reliance and Hall; Adams v. Anderson; Boyd v. Boyd; re Gadway and Walker; Hynes v. Technical Products; Eaton v. Goldberg; Alexander v. Moore; Smith v. Saperstein; Seifred v. Central Reliance and Medical clinic will be carried on in men. A well equipped canteen and medical clinic will be carried on in

would be the party which the ex-service men would follow to the polls. the T.S.R. providing for deferment of the payment of percentages to the

Immigration Restrictions The evening session was lively and full of interest, the immigration question being taken up from many points of view. It was finally decided to in-sert in the platorm a plank calling for restrictions in immigration, which would secure only the right kind of immigrant, also endeavoring to counteract any tendency toward emigration from Canada by the young men and women of the country. This plank calls for the exclusion of Japanese, Chinese and Hindus. Reform of the senate and a return

to responsible constitutional govern-ment were featured in the platform, as were the eight-hour day and a minimum wage for men and women. Night letters were sent to Captain Hugh Nixon, Truro, N.S., hoping that the ex-service men in Nova Scotia would ensure his return to the legislature, and stating that in the opinion of the convention the country had

The convention was attended in all by about 40 delegates, a number of new delegates having arrived by nightfall. These all represented some 50,000 members of the association. the western provinces being represented by proxy vote. J. V. Marsh, provincial organizer, stated that two of the great political parties had already signified their acquiescence with the platform formulated at the colvention, but that in any case if it dfd happen that none of the parties found it convenient to adopt the plank, the soldiers would form their own party. This, however, was a rather distant

necessity. There were so many planks in the platform adopted by the convention that the executive decided to summarize them into a concise readable whole, and it will be the duty of a special committee Alec. McGregor ficiating as chairman, to sift the wheat from the chaff and to give the platform definite and concrete form.

consideration will be that of granting widows of ex-service men an ex-Great Lakes ended their season today, due to the provisions of the La Follette seamen's act. The law provides that after September 15, lifeboat space must be provided for every passenger. must be provided for every passenger byn Drug Stores and by an estab-and crew.

URGE LEGISLATION TO REDUCE PRICES

Farmer and Commission Men Another Remedy Suggested by Women.

women relatives.

The committee of ladies who have promoted the idea, and who have worked very hard for the successful launching of the club on its career, are Lady Peliatt, Lady Hearst, Mrs. Harris McPhedran, Mrs. VanKoughnet and Mrs. Duggan.

Various prices of the same article of food as sold in city stores, the milk situation as it affects the farmer and the buyer. shortage of labor on the farm and the co-operative stores of the U.F.O. were among the things discussed at a meeting of the Producers' and Consumers' League, of Ontario, held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, Mrs. A. M. Huestis in the chair.

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Well, advisory board; Roderick Shearn, Ottawa; Robert Stewart and Alec. Davey, Riverdale Post, Toronto; J. J. Glass, Maccabean Post, Toronto; W. H. Reeve, Kitchener; P. R. Eagar, Kitchener; Austin Neame, Niagara Falls; W. F. Sigmund, South Toronto; R. H. Johnstone, Central, Toronto; H. C. Cornish, Oakwood Post, Toronto, and E. W. Starkey, Aurora, and many others.

Among other resolutions passed was that calling for a 50 per cent, representation of experience was held at the Queen's Hotel yesterday, A. J. Hobaway with the middleman as illustrated by the U.F.O., who described an effort to do away with the middleman as illustrated by the U.F.O. store at 130 East King street and of another about to be established. Here produce came from the farm to be handled by a man who was paid a salary, thus doing away with a good deal of the middleman as illustrated by the U.F.O. store at 130 East King street and of another about to be established. Here produce came from the farm to be handled by a man who was paid a salary, thus doing away with a good deal of the middleman as illustrated by the U.F.O. store at 130 East King street and of another about the farm to be handled by a man who was paid a salary, thus doing away with a good deal of the middleman as illustrated by the U.F.O. store at 130 East King street and of another about the farm to be handled by a man who was paid a salary, thus doing away with a good deal of the middleman as illustrated by the U.F.O. store at 130 East King street and of another about the farm to be handled by a man who was paid a salary, thus doing away with a good deal of the middleman as illustrated by the U.F.O. store at 130 East King street and of another about the farm to be handled by a man who was paid a salary, thus doing away with a good deal of the middleman as illustrated by the U.F.O. store at 130 East King street and of another about the farm to be daily deal of the middleman as illustrated by the U.F.O. store at 130 East King street and of another about the

examinations.

A strong vote of appreciation was accorded the solicitor for the association, Russell P. Locke.

Among the honored visitors of the day was William A. Douglass an enthusiastic exponent of the single tax idea.

The session was an important one in this, that it practically decided for the ex-service men of the organization a political policy, and it was practically decided that the party which agreed to carry out the policies indicated in the planks noted

Astrong vote of appreciation was suggested that if farmers would give permission, institutions in the city would be glad to send out truck or other motor. The press were requested to the publish the name of Mrs. C. A. Mr. Little is director of the Safety Movement."

Mr. Little, who will speak on "The Safety Movement."

Mr. Little is director of the Safety Institute of America, and known thruout the United States as one of the outstanding men in safety work. He within such a distance from the city that the round trip could be made in a day.

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league was read and ratified.

Miss Macdonald, representing the U.F.O.W., was among those present. In response to a request from Ald. Risk, a committee of three from the meeting was nominated to act with the committee approinted by the house. the committee appointed by the board of control to investigate the milk situ-

EMPIRE DELEGATES COMPLETE PLANS

MOTOR MISHAPS

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repeated, as it has been found tha o-operation among the consume the matter of purchasing does away with much of the expense due to the niddleman in the matter of transpor

SHOWS BIG PROFIT ON RESTAURANT CHARGES

Mayor Church said yesterday that the report prepared by the medical health department on the prices charged by restaurants would show trofits on certain foods from 200 to 200 per cent. The report will go to the police commissioners at once.

The Toronto board of control will b epresented today at the meeting the Hydro-Electric Association Hamilton. Mayor Church, who

Irving S. Fairty of the city lega department is said to have been of fered the position of legal adviser t the transportation commission at salary of \$9,000 a year, which is \$4,200 more than he is drawing at present. He has been with the city's legal department since June, 1912.

OTTAWA CHILD IS KILLED. Ottawa, Sept. 15.—Terribly injured while playing with some older com After the address, the meeting will panions, Arksey, two-year-old son of convene briefly for general business, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Galbrath, died with special reference to the power this morning. The little tot was run situation

over by a street car.



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