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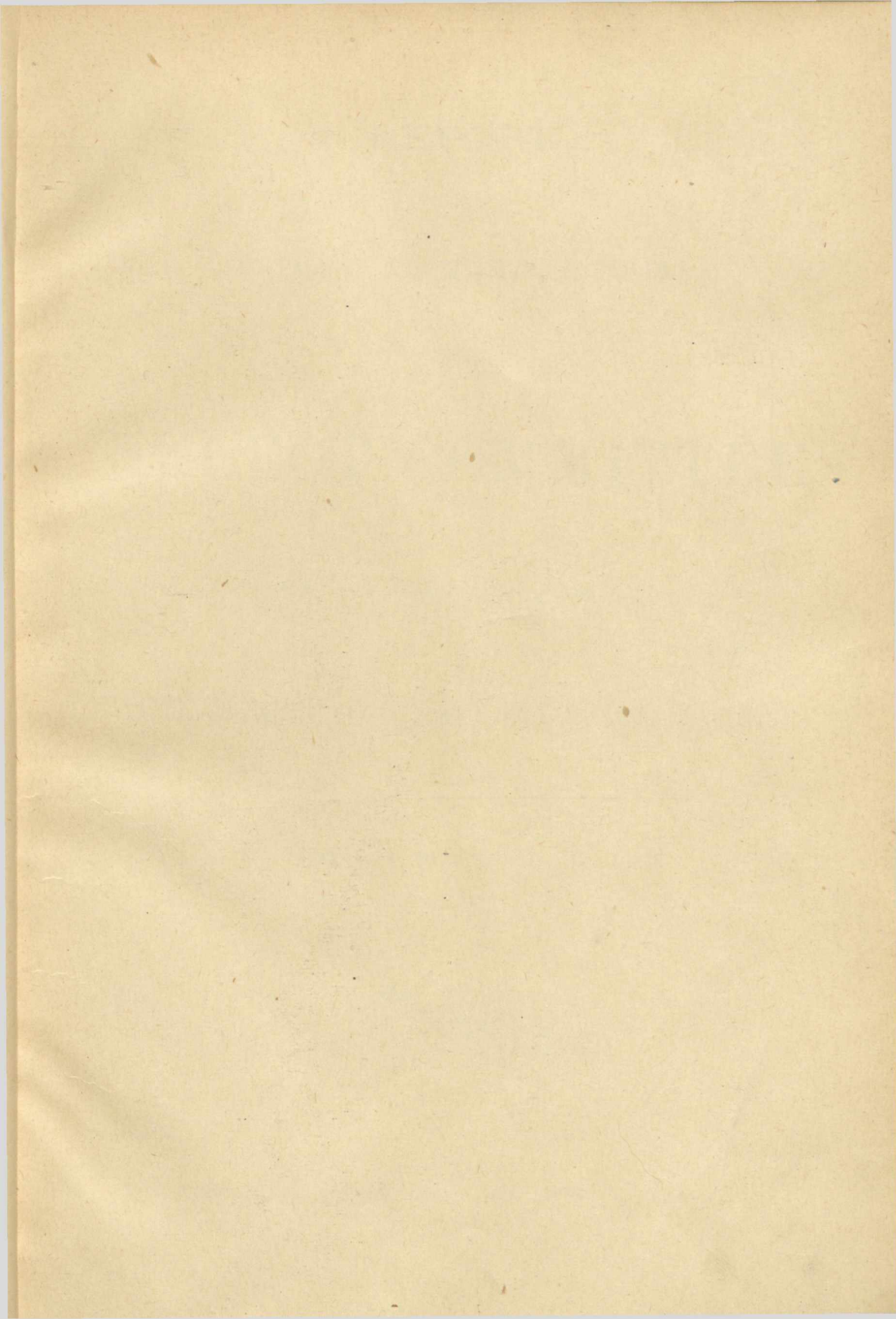
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REPORT

PROCEEDINGS AND MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

OF THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE INTO CERTAIN CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST

THE MEMBER FOR EAST NORTHUMBERLAND.

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REPORT.

The Select Committee appointed to enquire fully into certain charges preferred against the member for the East Riding of the County of Northumberland, beg leave to present the following as their

SECOND REPORT :

Your Committee find, respecting the charge in reference to the appointment of Hedley H. Simpson as Government Lighthouse-keeper at Presqu'Isle Point, County of Northumberland :—

1. That Edward Cochrane was on the 7th day of January, 1888, and now is, a member of Parliament for the said riding and a supporter of the Government.

2. That in the year 1888 the said Hedley H. Simpson made and delivered to one James Stanley two promissory notes for \$100 each, one of which was endorsed by his uncle, Darius Simpson (a responsible party), and handed them to the said James Stanley, who loaned the said Hedley H. Simpson \$200 thereon.

3. The said Hedley H. Simpson applied the said money towards the payment of a promissory note made by Dr. Willoughby and one Pickworth, and endorsed first by William L. Payne, and secondly by the said Edward Cochrane. The said note was discounted at the Standard Bank to raise money to pay a part of a note for \$1,000 held by one Webb, which had been given some time previous to pay expenses connected with a protest, arising out of a local election for the Ontario Legislature, about the year 1883; the said Edward Cochrane not being a party to the original note and in no way responsible for its payment;

Your Committee find that the said Hedley H. Simpson did not, in pursuance of any corrupt or other bargain with the said Edward Cochrane, make the notes or get the same, or either of them, endorsed, or have the same or the proceeds thereof placed in a bank for the use of the said Edward Cochrane personally, or for any political purpose.

4. The said Hedley H. Simpson subsequently paid the said notes made by him.

5. The said Hedley H. Simpson was appointed as such Lighthouse-keeper.

6. That it was never corruptly nor in any way agreed, by and between the said Edward Cochrane and the said Hedley H. Simpson, that if the said Hedley H. Simpson would make and deliver to one James Stanley two promissory notes for \$100 each, endorsed by some responsible person, he, the said Edward Cochrane, would procure the appointment of the said Hedley H. Simpson to the said office of Lighthouse-keeper for the Government lighthouse on Presqu'Isle Point; and whatever did take place with reference to the said appointment was between the said Hedley H. Simpson and the said James Stanley.

7. That a committee in the riding looked after the recommendation of persons to be appointed to the offices referred to in the charges, and such committee, through the said James Stanley, arranged for the recommendation of the said Simpson, and the said Stanley asked him to contribute towards payment of the said indebtedness of the party in reference to the protest above referred to, and he voluntarily consented to make a contribution for that purpose to the extent aforesaid.

Your Committee find, regarding the charge in reference to the proposed appointment of Arundel R. Simpson to the office of Bridge-keeper on the Murray Canal :—

1. That Obadiah Simpson was not promised in the summer of 1889, or at any other time, by the said Edward Cochrane, the Government office of keeper or attend-

ant of one of the swing bridges over the Murray Canal, and no evidence was given to support this charge.

2. That James Stanley did not propose to the said Arundel R. Simpson, with the knowledge and consent of the said Edward Cochrane or otherwise, that if the said Arundel R. Simpson would pay \$150 and give to his father, the said Obadiah Simpson, a life lease of his farm (as compensation for his not being appointed such Bridge-keeper, which the charge alleges he had been promised and had not received), he, the said Arundel R. Simpson, would be appointed such Bridge-keeper.

3. As to the charge that shortly afterwards the said Arundel R. Simpson had an interview with the said Edward Cochrane on the same subject, when the said Edward Cochrane said to him that they could not take the \$150 for said office, that Stanley should not have made that offer, that other arrangements had been made with one Wesley Goodrich, who agreed to pay \$200 and give said lease for said appointment,—Your Committee find the only evidence which goes to substantiate even a portion of such charge was that given by Arundel R. Simpson. That the said Arundel R. Simpson had, in a solemn declaration which he had previously signed, given an entirely different version of certain matters connected with these charges from what he gave before this committee, and generally the manner in which the said Arundel R. Simpson gave his evidence, and because of his being contradicted by other evidence, and from his demeanour on the stand while giving his testimony, your Committee cannot place any reliance on the testimony he gave in reference to these charges.

4. That the charge that the said Edward Cochrane then and there corruptly proposed to the said Arundel R. Simpson that, if he would pay the said Edward Cochrane \$200 and give said life lease, he would be appointed, and that the said Arundel R. Simpson refused to do so, was wholly unsupported by evidence, and no attempt was made to prove the same, and it appears by the evidence that the said Arundel R. Simpson was not, nor ever had been, the owner of a farm.

Your Committee find, as to the charge in reference to the appointment of Wesley Goodrich to the office of Bridge-keeper on the Murray Canal :—

1. That it was never corruptly nor in any way agreed to, by and between the said Wesley Goodrich and the said Edward Cochrane, that if the said Edward Cochrane would procure the appointment of the said Wesley Goodrich to the said office, he, the said Wesley Goodrich, would pay the sum of \$200, and execute to the said Obadiah Simpson a life lease of his farm, with a condition in the lease that if said Goodrich lost said appointment said lease would be cancelled. The said Edward Cochrane had no connection with the making of the agreement and lease between said Goodrich and Obadiah Simpson; they did the business themselves, and your Committee find that no corrupt agreement was made by or between any persons as to such agreement and lease.

2. Your Committee find that as to the charge concerning the executing the lease by Goodrich and wife to Obadiah Simpson, and the payment by Goodrich of the \$200, that the lease was executed and delivered as aforesaid, but the same was not done, as charged, in pursuance of a corrupt bargain, nor in pursuance of any agreement made with the said Edward Cochrane. The said Obadiah Simpson was an old man, desirous of being appointed as keeper of a bridge; and the said Goodrich, who owned a small farm, and had previously received a sunstroke, which rendered him, to a considerable extent, incapable of working on his farm, was desirous of getting the same position, in order that he might be able to make a living in such a class of work as he was then able to perform, and was willing, if he received the appointment, to make a lease of his farm for the life of the said Obadiah Simpson, and thereby benefit himself and make some provision for the said Obadiah Simpson in his old age (he being nearly 80 years old), and agreed of his own free will to make the life lease to the said Obadiah Simpson, whereby provision would be made for the said Obadiah Simpson, and thereupon and for the reason last aforesaid expressed, the said lease was executed and delivered to the said Obadiah Simpson. And as to the payment of the said \$200 by

the said Goodrich, he (the said Goodrich) had heard that money was being raised to pay off the hereinbefore mentioned indebtedness of the party in the riding, and he voluntarily offered to contribute \$200 for that purpose; and one John Wade, a member of the said committee in the said riding, having heard of this, and also that the said Goodrich had offered to make the said lease, came and asked him if he would make such contribution, and he thereupon said, he would give the sum of \$200 towards such purpose, and at the time, he, the said Goodrich, did so, he knew he was to be recommended by the said committee for appointment as such Bridge-keeper, and that he had not yet been appointed; but he, the said Goodrich, did not say he would give said \$200, nor did he give nor pay the same under any agreement that his recommendation or appointment was dependent upon such promise or payment; but voluntarily offered to give, and voluntarily paid said \$200 in part liquidation of the said indebtedness, by sending the same to the said W. L. Payne on account thereof. That the said Goodrich informed the said Edward Cochrane that he, the said Goodrich, was about giving the lease to said Obadiah Simpson, for the purpose of making such provision for said Obadiah Simpson. That said Edward Cochrane did not, either corruptly or otherwise, receive any money from the said Goodrich. When the said Goodrich was about taking the \$200, which he said he was willing to contribute towards the payment of said indebtedness, to W. L. Payne, he asked the said Edward Cochrane to count the money for him, and he, the said Goodrich, to save time and trouble in travelling, sent the money to W. L. Payne by Wallace Cochrane, a son of the said Edward Cochrane, who was going on other business to Colborne, the place where said Payne lived.

3. That the said Wesley Goodrich was appointed to the office of Bridge-keeper on the Murray Canal.

1. Your Committee find: That the said Edward Cochrane was elected a member of the last Parliament on the 22nd December, 1887, and upon the 7th day of January, 1888, and until after the Session of 1888, was the member for said riding; that he was subsequently unseated, and was re-elected such member on the 21st November, 1888, and from thence remained such member for the balance of said Parliament, and now is the member for the East Riding of the County of Northumberland.

2. That it was not corruptly or otherwise agreed by and between the said Edward Cochrane and John D. Clouston, William Brown and Robert May, or either or any of them, that if they or any of them would pay to him, or certain other persons for him, or for political purposes, the sum of \$200, or any other sum, he would procure for each, or any of them, the position, under the Government of Canada, of attendant or keeper of one of the swing bridges over or across the Murray Canal, and that no money was paid in pursuance of any corrupt agreement.

3. That John D. Clouston, William Johnson, William Brown and Robert May, were appointed Bridge-keepers or attendant of bridges over the Murray Canal, and were recommended for such appointment by the said committee in the riding, or some of the members thereof; that all of the men were strong supporters of the Conservative party, and knew of the existence of the said indebtedness, in connection with the expenses arising out of the said protest, before and at the time of such recommendation. In response to the expressed desire of the said committee or some one of them, the said Clouston and Brown each voluntarily stated that he would pay \$150, and the said Robert May voluntarily stated he would pay \$125 towards payment of such indebtedness, and afterwards the said Clouston paid about \$100, and the said Brown and Robert May each paid \$150 for such purpose. That the offers to make such payments, were made to some or one of the members of the said committee, either at the time of their being notified of such recommendation or shortly after; and that such offers and payments respectively were voluntary and unconditional. That the money so paid by Clouston, Brown and Robert May was paid in reduction of notes given for a part of the expenses in connection with the protest arising out of the Ontario local election, hereinbefore mentioned, and the said Edward

Cochrane was not a party to such notes or either of them, or in any way liable for their payment or for the payment of any part thereof.

4. That as to the charge that, while he was such member, it was corruptly agreed by and between the said Edward Cochrane and one Henry May, that if the said Henry May would pay the said Edward Cochrane, or to others for him, or for political purposes, the sum of \$200, he would procure for the said Henry May the office or position under the Government of foreman or overseer of employes under the Government, and that in pursuance of such corrupt agreement the sum of \$200 was paid, and the said office or position duly received by the said Henry May.

Your Committee find that such charge is wholly unsustainable, and not only was there no evidence to warrant such a charge, but the testimony given, clearly showed that the office referred to was not one within the recommendation of the said Edward Cochrane, or within the gift of the Government, but was under the appointment of the Superintendent of the Canal, without reference in any way to the Government, and the evidence further disclosed, that the said Henry May had not had any communication with the said Edward Cochrane in regard to said position, and that the said Edward Cochrane had not intervened in any way whatever with regard to the appointment of the said Henry May, and that such charge was not only groundless, but that the same had been made without information from the parties who could have shown that no reason existed for making the charge.

1. Your Committee further find that the appointments of the said Hedley H. Simpson as Lighthouse-keeper as aforesaid, and of the said Wesley Goodrich, John D. Clouston, William Brown and Robert May, as such Bridge-keepers on the Murray Canal, were all recommended to said Edward Cochrane by the said Committee, and by the said Edward Cochrane recommended to the Government.

2. That no evidence was given or suggestion made that the said appointments or any of them were improper in consequence of any insufficiency or incompetency in the persons so appointed.

3. That the facts which your Committee have reported with reference to the manner of making recommendations for the appointments by the political committee in the riding and the soliciting of subscriptions by the committee from the applicants, for the aforesaid purpose, all occurred before the last election of the said Edward Cochrane and were well known in the riding before the said last election, and discussed at the nomination on the hustings and at other places during said election contest.

4. Your Committee report that the practice which seems to have been resorted to by the political organization referred to, in order to raise a fund for political purposes, though not connected with Dominion politics, was improper and reprehensible.

Your Committee also report that the charge relating to William Johnson could not be gone into by them, as they were unable to secure the attendance of the said Johnson before them, and in the event of its appearing by the statements of any two members of the Committee that Johnson's attendance can be procured at a subsequent date during the session, it is recommended that the Committee ask leave to sit again for the purpose of taking up and investigating the William Johnson charge; and in the event of the Committee not being able to secure his attendance, or of inability to proceed during the present session, that the order of reference shall be deemed amended by the erasure therefrom of the charge relating to William Johnson, and the whole order of reference shall be treated as if the William Johnson charge had never been made.

All which is respectfully submitted, together with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee and the Minutes of the Evidence taken by them.

D. TISDALE,

Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,

FRIDAY, 11th September, 1891.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

(*The Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee of Friday, 28th August, 1891; Wednesday, 2nd September, 1891; Thursday, 3rd September, 1891; Friday, 4th September, 1891; and Thursday, 10th September, 1891, are not printed.*)

COMMITTEE ROOM, FRIDAY, 11th September, 1891,

Committee met.

Present: Mr. TISDALE in the Chair; Messieurs Caron (Sir Adolphe), Cameron (Huron), German, Mulock, Skinner, and White (Shelburne).

Consideration of Report resumed.

Mr. Skinner moves, seconded by Mr. White (Shelburne), That the Report now read be adopted. (For this Report *see* the Second Report of the Committee.)

Mr. Cameron (Huron) moves in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. German, That the said Report be not adopted, but that the following be reported to the House as the Report of this Committee:—

To the Honourable the House of Commons:

Your Committee selected to enquire into, and report on, certain charges preferred against Edward Cochrane, Member for the East Riding of the County of Northumberland—which said charges are in the following words:—

1. That in the year A.D. 1888, there was a vacancy in the position of Government Lighthouse-keeper in the Government lighthouse on Presqu'Isle Point, County of Northumberland.

2. That one Hedley H. Simpson was an applicant for said office.

3. That Edward Cochrane then was, and now is, the member for the House of Commons for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the said County of Northumberland, and a supporter of the Government.

4. That in the year 1888, it was corruptly agreed to, by and between the said Edward Cochrane and the said Hedley H. Simpson, that if the said Hedley H. Simpson would make and deliver to one James Stanley two promissory notes for \$100 each, endorsed by some responsible person, he, the said Edward Cochrane, would procure the appointment of the said Hedley H. Simpson to the said office of Lighthouse-keeper of the Government lighthouse on Presqu'Isle Point.

5. That the said Hedley H. Simpson, in pursuance of said corrupt bargain, did make the said two promissory notes for \$100 each—procured their endorsement by a responsible party—handed them to the said James Stanley, who received the same and placed them in a bank for the use of the said Edward Cochrane personally or for political purposes.

6. That the said Hedley H. Simpson subsequently paid the said notes.

7. That the said Hedley H. Simpson, in pursuance of said corrupt bargain, received the said appointment.

1. That in the summer of 1889 Obadiah Simpson was promised by the said Edward Cochrane, the Government office of keeper or attendant of one of the swing bridges over the Murray Canal.

2. That in the summer of 1889 the said James Stanley, who is a confidential friend and warm political supporter of the said Edward Cochrane, sent for one Arundel R. Simpson to call and see him. He did, when the said James Stanley proposed to the said Arundel R. Simpson, with the knowledge and consent of the said Edward Cochrane, that if the said Arundel R. Simpson would pay \$150 and give to his father, the said Obadiah Simpson, the life lease of his farm (as compensation for his not being appointed such Bridge-keeper)—he had been promised and had not received the said office—he, the said Arundel R. Simpson, would be appointed such Bridge-keeper.

3. That shortly afterwards the said Arundel R. Simpson had an interview with the said Edward Cochrane on the same subject, when the said Edward Cochrane said to him that they could not take the \$150 for said office, that Stanley should not have made that offer, that other arrangements had been made with one Wesley Goodrich, who agreed to pay \$200 and give said life lease for said appointment.

4. That the said Edward Cochrane then and there corruptly proposed to the said Arundel R. Simpson, that if he would pay said Edward Cochrane \$200 and give said life lease he would be appointed. This he refused to do.

5. That subsequently it was corruptly agreed to, by and between the said Wesley Goodrich and the said Edward Cochrane, that if the said Edward Cochrane would procure the appointment of the said Wesley Goodrich to the said Government office of keeper of said bridge, he, the said Wesley Goodrich, would pay the sum of \$200, and execute to the said Obadiah Simpson, father of the said Arundel R. Simpson, a life lease on his farm, with a condition in said lease, that if said Wesley Goodrich lost said appointment said lease would be cancelled.

6. That in pursuance of the said corrupt bargain the said Wesley Goodrich paid said money and executed said lease, and caused his wife to execute the same, to the said Obadiah Simpson, on part of Lot 18, in the 2nd Concession of the Township of Cramahe, in the said county, for the rent of one peppercorn a year and on the condition that if the said Goodrich should be released by the Government from attendance on said bridge said lease would come to an end and be void, but said condition was not to apply in case said Goodrich should be discharged on account of any act of his own.

1. That Edward Cochrane was, during the last Parliament, and now is the member for the electoral district of the East Riding of the County of Northumberland.

2. That while he was such member it was corruptly agreed to by and between the said Edward Cochrane, and John D. Clouston, William Johnson, William Brown and Robert May, respectively, that if each of them would pay to him, or to certain other persons for him or for political purposes, the sum of \$200, he would procure for each of them the position under the Government of Canada of attendant or keeper of one of the swing-bridges over or across the Murray Canal.

3. That in pursuance of such corrupt agreement the said several sums of money were paid, and the said persons were so appointed to said positions.

4. That while he, the said Edward Cochrane, was such member as aforesaid, it was corruptly agreed by and between the said Edward Cochrane and one Henry May, that if the said Henry May would pay the said Edward Cochrane, or to other persons for him, or for political purposes, the sum of \$200, he would procure for the said Henry May the office or position under the Government of foreman or overseer of employés under the Government.

5. That in pursuance of the said corrupt agreement, the said sum of \$200 was paid, and the said office or position duly received by the said Henry May :

 Beg leave to report as follows:—

1. We find, that when the transactions hereinafter mentioned took place, the said Edward Cochrane was and still is the member for said riding.

2. That the said Edward Cochrane, while he was such member, was and is a supporter of the Administration, and as such had the patronage of the Administration for Government offices in and for said riding.

3. That certain leading Conservatives in the said riding, in or about the year 1883, assumed certain liabilities for certain debts, amounting to about \$1,000, for certain costs arising out of a certain protested election for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

4. That such liability, or a portion of it, continued down to the year 1890 or 1891.

5. That said Edward Cochrane, with others, was liable for \$619.69 of said debt down until and after the payment by Hedley Simpson, hereinafter mentioned, was made.

6. That about four years ago certain electors of said riding, viz., Messrs. May, Adam, Stanley, Lawson and Bullock constituted themselves a committee for the purpose of raising money to pay off said debt, and the mode they adopted was by recommending certain persons to said Edward Cochrane as fit and proper persons to fill certain Government offices, the said Edward Cochrane then recommending such persons to the Government as fit and proper persons to fill said offices, the persons so recommended agreeing to pay a certain price or sum for said offices.

7. That the said Edward Cochrane was not a member of the said committee, but he knew of the purpose and object of its existence; attended one or more of its meetings, when matters relating to said offices were discussed; acted on the committee's recommendations, and when persons made applications to him for offices he referred them to the said committee for a recommendation, which he acted on. Mr. Bullock, one of said committee, gave the following evidence, on oath, before your Committee:—

"2406. What were the duties of that committee?—The duties of the committee was to see if we could not appoint somebody on the canal for the bridges there.

2407. How much were each of them to give?—We exacted \$150 from every one of them. That is what we wanted.

2408. What were these people to get for the \$150 they were to pay?—I cannot swear to that.

2409. What was the \$150 to be given for?—It was to be given for our influence.

2410. Were you to put this \$150 in your pocket?—No.

2411. Who was to give \$150?—Everybody who got the appointment.

2412. And those who did not get the appointment were not to pay it?—Certainly not."

"2420. It was the rule that those who were applicants should pay \$150—I think it was."

"2489. Did Mr. Cochrane attend any of the meetings?—He was there once. I do not know whether he had any conversation with me or any of us."

"2514. When your store was closed?—Yes.

2515. Then Mr. Cochrane remained there after the store was closed?—He came in accidentally, I think.

2516. Did you say that the committee met there after the store was closed?—Yes.

2517. And Mr. Cochrane was there when the committee met?—Yes.

2518. For the whole of the time?—No; not when they were meeting.

2519. Oh, well, did he come in afterwards?—Yes; he came in after the committee met.

2520. Now, the committee met after the store was closed, and Mr. Cochrane, having come in after the committee met, must have come in after the store was closed?—He did."

"2524. Where did the committee transact its business in the store?—I believe it was right in the open store.

2525. Right in there in the main part of the store?—Yes.

2526. And that is where Mr. Cochrane came?—Yes.

2527. Mr. Cochrane was in there with the committee?—Yes; but he was not on the committee.

2528. I know, but he was in there with the committee?—He was there when the committee was there in the store. I could not swear when Mr. Cochrane came in, but I know he came right into the store when the committee was meeting there.

2529. You have sworn that Mr. Cochrane was there?—Yes.

2530. And you have sworn that he was there while the committee were there?—Yes; that's true."

"2548. I mean the committee. What business did the committee do that night?

—They talked over different questions about the bridges.

2549. How long did Mr. Cochrane remain?—As far as my knowledge goes, he did not remain very long."

"2554. I suppose the discussion was going on while he was there?—The discussion was going on. Yes.

2555. The talk about the bridges was going on while he was there?—Yes.

2556. You were talking about the men who would get the appointments and the amounts that they were to pay?—Certainly."

"1040. You did tell Mr. Cochrane that Hedley Simpson gave \$200?—Yes.

1041. How long after this was it?—I do not know.

1042. Would it be a week?—It might."

8. That in the month of April, 1888, one Hedley H. Simpson was recommended by the said committee to the said Edward Cochrane as a fit person to fill the position of lighthouse-keeper at Presqu'Isle Point.

9. That James Stanley, one of said committee, and by its authority, called on said Hedley H. Simpson and told him of said recommendation, and made it a condition of his getting said appointment that he should pay the said Stanley the sum of \$200 to be used in part liquidation of said debt.

10. That thereupon the said Edward Cochrane recommended the said Hedley H. Simpson to the Government as a fit person to fill the said office.

11. That the said Hedley H. Simpson duly paid the said sum, and on said recommendations he duly received said office and now holds the same—and this to the knowledge of said Edward Cochrane—the said Stanley, in his evidence before said committee, swore as follows:—

"693. Then how did Mr. Simpson come to be appointed?—Well, he was recommended by the committee.

694. To whom did the committee recommend Mr. Simpson?—I suppose to Mr. Cochrane.

695. How did this recommendation come from the committee to Mr. Cochrane?—Verbally, I suppose.

696. Then if verbally, who talked?—Mr. Cochrane happened to be in town, I suppose, and they told him."

"701. Then you think now you did see Mr. Cochrane, as one of the committee?—I say I may have done so; I may have had a conversation, but that was all.

702. But you think you did see him in regard to the appointment of Mr. Hedley Simpson, after all this money was paid?—I don't know whether it was before or after.

703. But at all events, either before or after, you did see Mr. Cochrane?—Yes; I may have seen him before or after, but I don't know."

"714. Did Mr. Cochrane know anything about the payment of this money?—I don't think he did at the time.

715. Well, when did he?—I think it was some time after.

716. How long after?—I cannot tell you.

717. How did he come to know it?—I don't know but what I told him myself.

718. You might have told him yourself?—I think I did."

"720. How long afterwards?—I cannot tell you.

721. Before the appointment was made?—I cannot tell you whether it was before or after.

722. But you do remember now that you had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane, and Mr. Cochrane knew from you that the \$200 were paid?—I don't say that. I say I may have had before or after; I don't remember."

12. Pending the negotiations between said Stanley, and the said Hedley H. Simpson and the said Edward Cochrane respecting said lighthouse, the said Edward Cochrane wrote the said Hedley H. Simpson a letter respecting said lighthouse, and sent it to him by the hands of Arundel Simpson, who in said investigation swore as follows respecting the same:—

"309. I ask you if you had any conversation with Mr. Cochrane, the member, in regard to the appointment of Mr. Hedley Simpson to a position of lighthouse keeper at Presqu'Isle?—Well, along in March I think. I think his father died in October, and I gave him a letter from Mr. Cochrane.

310. Did you see that letter?—No, I saw the letter but I did not know what was in it. I could not tell you what was in it.

311. Was that letter read in your presence?—I don't know as it was. I don't think it was; I would not swear positively, it is quite a while ago.

312. Did Mr. Cochrane tell you what was in the letter?—He told me it was concerning the lighthouse, and wanted to know if I would send the letter to Mr. Hedley Simpson, for him to come and see him."

"1857. You say Mr. Cochrane sent you with the letter to your relative Hedley?—Yes.

1858. And Mr. Stanley was present at the time and knew the letter was going to Hedley from Mr. Cochrane?—Yes.

1859. Do you know whether he knew the contents of the letter?—I do not know.

1860. Did you see Mr. Cochrane after he got the letter?—Yes.

1861. Now in the eighth paragraph of the declaration you said: "Subsequently said Cochrane sent to the said Hedley H. Simpson by me a letter in which it was stated that said Hedley H. Simpson would be required, in order to secure the said appointment, to give security for the payment of \$200, which letter I delivered to the said Hedley H. Simpson." How did you know the statement that was in the letter?—Well, I took the letter down to Herbert Simpson; he stays at Whitney, and he said that he would have to pay the money.

1862. Were you there when the letter was read?—Yes.

1863. The letter was read by whom?—I think it was read in the first place by Herbert Simpson's wife. She is the one who read the letter first, I think.

1864. You all were there and heard it read?—Yes.

1865. You say that was what was in the letter?—That is what they told me was in the letter. That was what would be required in order to get the appointment.

1866. You did not read the letter yourself?—No.

1867. The letter was read when you took it there?—Yes.

1868. It was opened there?—The letter was not sealed up.

1869. The envelope was open?—Yes.

1870. In the presence of Hedley Simpson, Herbert Simpson, Herbert Simpson's wife and yourself?—Yes. It was read by Herbert Simpson's wife. Mrs. Herbert Simpson does the business—the reading and everything that is done in that way.

1871. Then the letter, the envelope not being sealed, was read by Mrs. Herbert Simpson in the presence of yourself?—Yes; and Hedley, when he found what was in the letter, asked me what I thought he should do, and I said that he had better take it. Herbert Simpson said no, not to take it. Afterwards in a day or two, they wanted to know what I thought about it myself."

13. That, respecting the price paid for said office and the said Edward Cochrane's knowledge thereof, the said Arundel Simpson gave the following evidence:—

324. Mr. Cochrane told you that Snetsinger offered him something?—Yes.

325. How much did he say?—I would not be positive, either \$400 or \$600.

326. He said that Snetsinger offered him, either \$400 or \$600 for the appointment?—I would not be positive which; he told me it was quite an amount.

327. What did he say, then, at that conversation, about giving it to Hedley H. Simpson?—I don't know exactly what he said about it.

328. Did he say anything?—I don't know; it is quite a while ago. He said I believe that he would, or they would, let him have it a good deal cheaper.

329. Would let who have it cheaper?—Mr. Hedley Simpson.

330. What did he say?—He said that Hedley would get it for \$200.

331. Why do you refer to the word "cheaper"?—I don't know; I suppose that is what he said.

332. Tell us what he said?—He said he would get it for \$200.

333. Did he use the word "cheaper"?—I don't know as he did."

"1812. Who is "he"?—Mr. Snetsinger. He said Mr. Snetsinger would give \$600 for the lighthouse, and they only got \$200. Cochrane said that to me in the store. He did not say he offered him; he said he would give it. But that Hedley only gave \$200.

1813. But that he (Cochrane) would secure the appointment of said Hedley H. Simpson for a good deal less than \$600?—He did secure it. This was long after, as Mr. Cochrane knows."

1. That in the end of the year 1889 or in the early part of 1890, the said James Stanley, with the consent of the said Edward Cochrane, proposed to one Arundel Simpson, that if the said Arundel Simpson would pay \$150 to the said James Stanley for the purpose aforesaid, he the said Arundel Simpson would be appointed a bridge tender on said canal. Arundel Simpson refused to pay anything, and therefore it was agreed to, by and between one Wesley Goodrich and the parties aforesaid that if he would pay \$200 for the purpose aforesaid and give a life lease of his farm to one Obadiah Simpson, he would get said appointment, that the said Wesley Goodrich paid said sum, gave said life lease, and received said appointment on the recommendation of said Edward Cochrane. The evidence of said Arundel Simpson on this point is as follows:—

"1519. Did you see Mr. Stanley in 1889, in regard to getting an appointment as bridge-keeper?—I did.

1520. What took place then?—Mr. Stanley sent for me.

1521. Well, what else?—I went up there to see him, and he told me they were about to let the bridges.

1522. What was said to you?—He said they were going to let the bridges and that they intended me to have one.

1523. You say they were going to let the bridges. What do you mean by that?—To appoint the bridge tenders.

1524. Did he say anything about your getting one?—He said that I could get one by looking after my father and giving him \$150.

1525. Who told you that?—James Stanley.

1526. Whom did you mean by giving "him" \$150?—Mr. Stanley.

1527. When you say that he said you were to look after your father, were those the words that were used, or what did he mean?—He went, in the first place, to see my father and told him, that they had promised him a bridge, but that he was too old to be appointed. He asked him if he wanted one of his sons appointed in his place, and he said yes, and he would like to see me appointed.

1528. Did you afterwards see Mr. Cochrane about it?—He saw me about it.

1529. Mr. Cochrane did?—Yes.

1530. You met Mr. Cochrane in Brighton?—Yes.

1531. What took place between you and Mr. Cochrane? Did he send for you?—He called me into the room.

1532. Where was this—in the hotel?—In Mr. Stanley's hotel.

1533. What did he say to you?—He said they had made different arrangements about the bridge. That they were going to make some arrangements for fifty acres of land for my father, and let someone else have the bridge.

1534. Did he say with whom the arrangement was made?—I do not think he did that night."

"1538. What did he say about the \$150?—I do not know just what he did say.

1539. Try and think?—He said they had made other arrangements. I said it was all right; I was not very particular."

"1541. What else did he say?—He said that Mr. Stanley could not pay off \$900 with four bridges at \$150 apiece.

1542. Where was that said to you?—At Mr. Stanley's hotel.

1543. By Mr. Cochrane?—By Mr. Cochrane.

1544. The member for East Northumberland?—Yes.

1545. When he said that they had made other arrangements, was anything said in regard to more money?—That is all I heard him say. I heard him say what I have just told you."

"1573. How much was he getting from you?—Mr. Stanley was getting \$150."

"1578. He gave you to understand then, that some arrangement had been made by some parties which prevented him from recommending you?—That is what he told me."

"1691. Did he tell you anything more?—He said, that Mr. Stanley said, they could not pay off \$900 with four bridges at \$150 each, Mr. Stanley could not pay it off with that amount."

"1830. What did he say about your father?—He said the old gentleman was too old.

1831. He said the old gentleman was too old, and what else?—He would like to have the money right off, as soon as possible.

1832. How much money?—\$150.

1833. What else were you to do?—I was to get the money for him, I suppose.

1834. Any other condition?—From Mr. Stanley? I don't know as there was, except to see to my father—maintain my father."

"1846. How much had he paid?—Who had paid?

1847. Whoever had been appointed?—He said that he could get more for it. He could get \$200.

1848. No, no; you said before, that he could not pay off \$900 with four bridges at \$150. What did Mr. Cochrane say?—About the bridge?

1849. Yes.—That is what he told me; he could not pay off with four bridges.

1850. Is that all?—He said something about getting more from this man: that is \$200."

The evidence of Wesley Goodrich on this point is as follows:—

"3682. You talked of the life lease to Mr. Cochrane?—I told Mr. Cochrane what I would do about it. He told me I was very foolish.

3683. You told him about the life lease?—I told him that.

3684. That you were willing to give the life lease of your farm to get a bridge?—Yes, sir.

3685. Did you tell him you were willing to pay \$200 besides?—I did not. I have no recollection of it.

3686. At no time?—I won't say at no time. I think I did once tell him.

3687. When?—Some time before that.

3688. How long before that?—I could not tell you.

3689. You told him at that time that you were willing to give a life lease and the \$200?—No, sir. Wade proposed that if I got the bridge I should give \$200.

3690. You told Mr. Cochrane that Wade had proposed that you should pay \$200 to the bridge?

3691. You have just told me, I think, that you told Mr. Cochrane you were willing to give a life lease of your farm for a bridge? Is that so?—Mr. Cochrane

mentioned to me that there was a man by the name of King, who wanted a bridge. Then I said I would give \$200 at that time.

3692. For the bridge?—For the bridge.”

“3698. You did pay the \$200?—I did, sir.

3699. That was before you gave the lease?—Yes, sir.

3700. To whom did you pay the \$200?—I paid it to Mr. Edward Cochrane.

3701. To the member for the East Riding of Northumberland?—Yes. It was more convenient for me to go to him than to Mr. Wade. Wade's was a long way out of my way. He told me to take it to Mr. Payne when I offered it to him.

3702. Who told you?—Mr. Cochrane. I said to him, “Are you not going to Colborne soon? It is out of my way if I have to go on purpose.” He said, “Wallace is going to-night with the grist.” The team was standing in the yard, and I suggested that perhaps Wallace would take it up. He said he could. Wallace went for his overcoat, and I took the money out of my pocket and asked him to count it.

3703. Whom did you ask to count it?—Mr. Cochrane.

3704. I think you had better tell the Committee again what happened there?—I agreed with Mr. Wade to pay this \$200. Mr. Wade lived at Hilton, quite a way from my place, and I went to Mr. Cochrane (he was in the barnyard at the time when I arrived), and I asked him would he take the money. He told me to take it to Mr. Payne at Colborne, but that was quite a way for me to go. I said, “Are you not going soon,” as I knew he went there often. He said, “Wallace is going to-night with the grist.” I had noticed the team and waggon in the yard. Wallace was going to the house to get his overcoat and I suggested that somebody ought to count the money. I said, “Would he.” He did not answer me but, he seemed not to want to do it. I took it out of my pocket and urged him. He then took it and counted it and then handed it to Wallace. Wallace had got back by this time. He said, “Wallace, give that to Payne.” That is as straight as I can tell you.

3705. What did you give that \$200 for? What value did you get for it?—I got the situation—the bridge.

3706. And that is what you gave the money for?—I suppose if you put it that way, I don't know any other. Mr. Wade told me he was holding it for some money he wanted to realize on it.”

“3721. What was the date?—I have no memorandum, I could not tell you the date. It will be two years ago this coming fall—from the fall of 1889.

3722. You said it was before the lease was drawn?—Before the lease was drawn.

3723. And the lease was drawn on the 15th of October, 1890?—I did not give the lease until after I got the position.

3724. And the payment of the money was before you got the position?—Yes, sir; a year ago last fall it was.

3725. Can you remember how long before you got the appointment it was that you paid the \$200?—I paid the \$200 a year ago last fall and I got the position a year ago last spring.”

“3769. How did Mr. Cochrane know that you should take it to Mr. Payne?—I do not know. I did not ask him, and he did not tell me.

3770. Did he appear to know what the \$200 was for?—I do not know that he said a word. He said in one of the conversations that I had with him that he had got into trouble over the protest, and of course I understood that the trouble related to the funds. I understood somebody to say that there was trouble over the protest.”

“3777. I will read you this in order to ascertain if you heard of it before. I am about to read from the statement that Mr. Cochrane made on the 20th of August, 1891, in reply to one of these charges. In the course of his observations Mr. Cochrane said: “It had been understood I would recommend for appointment to the bridge an old man named Obadiah Simpson, and arrangement was made between Simpson and Goodrich by which Simpson was to take a life lease of Goodrich's farm.” Do you know that it had been so understood? Do you know that it had been understood that Mr. Cochrane would recommend Mr. Obadiah Simpson for the office?—I know

that there was talk, that Obadiah Simpson had been promised a bridge, and I suppose it had been through Mr. Cochrane.

3778. You understood that he was to get the bridge?—Yes.

3779. And you found that if you were to have the bridge it would be necessary for you to satisfy Obadiah?—Yes.

3780. And it was to satisfy him that you gave a life lease of the farm?—Yes.

3781. Did you tell Mr. Cochrane that you were willing to satisfy Obadiah?—I might have done so. I dare say I did, but I really cannot tell.

3782. Had he mentioned to you that he had promised Obadiah?—I would not say whether he ever did so or not.

3783. Do you remember telling him what you were willing to do in order to satisfy Webb and Obadiah Simpson, and that you had satisfied Simpson with regard to the lease, and Webb with regard to the money?—Yes, sir.

3784. You had satisfied the two?—I felt that I had.

3785. The arrangement was satisfactory all round?—Yes. I proposed to do that if that would satisfy them, and they were satisfied.

3786. And you entered upon your duties the following spring—in the spring of 1890?—Yes.

3787. This arrangement was made in the fall of 1889?—Yes, it was a year ago last fall."

15. That in or about the middle of May, 1890, one William Brown was recommended by the said committee to said Edward Cochrane for the position of bridge tender on the Murray Canal, who recommended him to the Government for said position. That the said committee exacted from the said William Brown the sum of \$150 for said recommendations to be used for the purposes aforesaid. That said William Brown paid said sum and received said appointment with recommendation of said Edward Cochrane.

William Brown's evidence on this point is as follows :—

" 2561. Have you any position upon that canal?—Yes, sir.

2562. What position have you got?—Bridge-keeper.

2563. How did you come to get that position?—Through the committee.

2564. What committee?—The committee which was appointed to recommend somebody for the position.

2565. You knew a committee had been appointed for that purpose?—I was told by several of the committee they had been appointed, and I was told by Mr. Cochrane also that a committee had been appointed.

2566. You were told by Mr. Cochrane there had been a committee appointed for the purpose of recommending parties for the position of bridge-keeper?—Yes.

2567. Mr. Cochrane told you that?—He did.

2568. Who is Mr. Cochrane?—He is member for East Northumberland.

2569. And it was Mr. Cochrane, member for East Northumberland, who told you that a committee had been appointed for the purpose of recommending different people?—He was the only one that told me I would have to go to the committee.

2570. Then you went to Mr. Cochrane first of all?—First of all.

2571. What did you go to him for?—For a position on the canal.

2572. What did you say to him?—I asked him what my chances were for such a position. He told me he had left the matter in the hands of the committee and that I would have to apply to the committee."

" 2577. Who did you converse with in regard to the \$150?—The first one I had a conversation, with was James Stanley.

2578. And who was the second one?—That is all.

2579. You never had a conversation with anybody except Mr. James Stanley regarding the \$150?—Outside the committee do you mean, or the committee men?"

" 2625. But it was arranged before you got the appointment that you were to pay the money?—Yes.

2626. With whom was that arrangement made?—Mr. Stanley.

2627. Do you know that Mr. Stanley was one of this committee?—I do.

2628. The committee to which Mr. Cochrane sent you?—Yes.

2629. Was it Mr. Stanley who told you to pay the money to Mr. Webb?—It was."

" 2646. Then that \$150 had nothing to do with your getting that appointment? It had, hadn't it?—Yes, it had.

2647. When you went to Mr. Webb to pay the money, what did you say to him?—I said I was requested by Mr. Stanley to go and pay him \$150."

16. That while the said Edward Cochrane was such member as aforesaid, one Thomas Fitzgerald was recommended by said committee to the said Edward Cochrane for the position of bridge tender at Trent Bridge, Murray Canal, that the said James Stanley, as a member of the said committee, and by its authority, exacted from the said Thomas Fitzgerald the sum of \$150, to be used for the purposes aforesaid, for such recommendation and office that the said Edward Cochrane recommended to the Government the said Thomas Fitzgerald for said office that the said Thomas Fitzgerald paid said sum and received said appointment on said recommendation.

In this case said James Stanley gave the following evidence:—

" 893. You had sent word to these people to assemble there?—Yes.

894. These various applicants, Daniel Vanalstine, Fitzgerald, Brown, May and Clouston, were present on your invitation?—These were the ones the committee recommended, and I sent for them myself afterward.

895. Were they present at the meeting of the committee?—No.

896. Anyone of them?—Not to my knowledge.

897. I asked you to say the first person you appointed afterwards, and you gave me this list of names. The committee recommended all these?—Yes.

898. Thomas Fitzgerald was recommended and he got the office?—Yes.

899. He paid \$150 for the office of bridge-keeper?—Yes.

900. Who did he pay the money to?—To me.

901. And you applied that money how?—I put that money in the bank to my credit. I left it there until I got notice from W. L. Payne to send either the money or a draft. I forget which it was I sent.

902. What did you do with the money?—I think I sent on \$150 in money or by cheque to W. L. Payne or to the Standard Bank, I am not certain, to apply on the note in the Standard Bank.

903. Then Daniel Vanalstine did not get an office?—No.

904. He had paid \$150 under the same circumstances?—Yes.

905. And he was repaid that?—Yes, he was repaid.

906. Because he did not get the office?—There were more applicants than there was bridges for them, and we paid the money back.

907. That is curious. Then his contribution was in a sense contingent on his getting the office?—He was giving it voluntarily.

908. You did not think it fair to keep it if he did not get the office?—No."

On the same point the said Thomas Fitzgerald gave the following evidence:—

" 1206. You live at the Carrying Place?—Yes.

1207. On the Murray Canal?—Yes.

1208. You paid \$150?—Yes.

1209. To whom?—Mr. Stanley.

1210. What for?—To help the party through their indebtedness for the Wade and Ferris protest. That was what I was informed. I do not know anything about it.

1211. Who informed you that?—Mr. James Stanley.

1212. And you paid the money to him?—Yes.

1213. Did you see Mr. Cochrane before that?—Yes, sir.

1214. In regard to the appointment?—Yes, sir.

1215. What was the conversation you had with Mr. Cochrane?—I only saw him once. I got a petition from a few men in the Riding and showed it to him. He said it was very good; "I will give it to the committee; I have nothing more to say. Whoever the committee picks out, will get it."

1216. That was before you were named by the committee?—I do not know. I had friends who put in the communication.

1217. That was when the petition was being got up?—Yes.

1218. Mr. Cochrane said he left matters entirely in the hands of the committee?—Yes.

1219. Then Mr. Cochrane knew of the committee?—I do not know that.

1220. Did you pay this \$150 in cash to Mr. Stanley?—Yes, in hard cash."

" 1229. You know that you paid the \$150?—Yes.

1230. At the time you paid it, were you then a bridge keeper by appointment of the Government?—Certainly not. I was on the bridge, but not appointed by the Government. I had been on there for years.

1232. When you paid the \$150 to Stanley you were not at that time a permanently appointed bridge keeper by the Government?—Certainly not.

1233. Did you say before that you received a promise from the committee?—I will you tell all I know about it: I will tell it without question and answer. I was asked to go up to Brighton. I was informed by some of my friends there to make application to Mr. Cochrane. He said; "I cannot make you any promise; I leave it entirely to the committee." I merely showed him the recommendations I had, and he said: "They are very good, but I cannot make any promise." I walked away. I was informed to go up and see Mr. Stanley, and Mr. Stanley says, says he: "I understand from what I have heard that the Committee has picked you out as a bridge keeper on the Murray Canal, and you ought to help us on this debt that we are under to the party." I said, "I am willing to do my part," and that is all I said. I said: "When you are ready for me and want my money I will pay it." He said they had some notes to pay and that they were heavy in debt, and I said: "I am a Conservative and will do my duty."

17. That while the said Edward Cochrane was such member as aforesaid, one Robert May was recommended by said committee to the said Edward Cocharne for the position of bridge tender on the Murray Canal; that Henry May, a member of said committee, and by its authority, called on him and told him that he was so recommended and exacted from him \$125 for such position, to be used for the purpose aforesaid; that on the recommendation of said committee the said Edward Cochrane recommended to the Government the said Robert May for said office; that said Robert May paid said money and received said office. His evidence on this point is as follows:—

" 2731. Have you got an appointment on that canal?—Yes, sir.

2732. What appointment?—Bridge-keeper.

2733. When did you get that appointment?—In the year 1890."

" 2736. Who told you that you had got the appointment?—Some member of the committee, I think it was Mr. Hugh McQuoid; I am not sure, however, whether he is the one.

2737. He told you of the appointment?—Yes, sir.

2738. And who else told you?—My brother Henry."

" 2750. How much money did you pay?—\$125.

2751. To whom did you pay it?—To Henry May, my brother.

2752. What did you pay it to Mr. Henry May for?—(No answer.)

2753. Why did you pay it to Henry May?—To help to pay the debt against the Conservative party."

" 2800. Was it not for the purpose of getting that position, sir?—Yes.

2801. How did you know that you would get that position if you paid \$125?—I did not know only from the committee.

2802. Then you knew from the committee that you would get that position if you paid the \$125?—They told me."

" 2814. How was it you came so pay \$125?—(No answer.)

2815. Somebody must have suggested money to you?—Henry said the Conservative party was in debt, and each one must pay a certain amount.

2816. Each one of whom?—Each one of the bridge tenders. He said each was willing to pay, and I said I was willing to do the same.

2817. If you got the position?—Yes.

2818. Did you pay the money before or after getting the position?—Before it.”

“2838. You are a labouring man then?—Yes.

2839. Before you got this office you were working for day’s wages?—Yes.

2840. You are a married man?—Yes.

2841. Wife and family?—Yes.

2842. And before you got this office you were working for day’s wages?—Yes.

2843. And you gave \$125 for the office and for the good of the Conservative party—the two things?—Yes.

2844. When before this had you given a contribution to the Conservative party?—I do not know as I ever did.

2845. How old are you?—Thirty.

2846. This was the first time you manifested your regard for the Conservative party in this substantial way?—Yes.”

Henry May, a brother of said Robert May and one of said committee, swore as follows:—

“2885. How was it you asked your brother for \$125?—Mr. Stanley told me it was required—that he should pay some money.”

“3020. And what did you tell him?—I told him (Cochrane) that Robert had got the appointment for the bridge.”

“3023. And you told him that Robert had got the appointment?—Yes, sir.

3024. You mean by having got the appointment that he had been recommended by the committee?—Yes, sir.

3025. You don’t mean that he had been recommended by the Government?—No, sir, I did not mean to tell him that.

3026. You did not mean to tell him he had been appointed by the Government, only that he had been recommended by the committee?—That is it.

3027. And was that not the reason why you saw Mr. Cochrane; to tell him that Robert had been recommended by the committee?—I saw him and told him.”

18. That in or about the month of May, 1890, one J. D. Clouston was recommended to the Government for the position of bridge tender on the Murray Canal by the said Edward Cochrane; that the said Edward Cochrane knew when, he made said recommendation, that the said J. D. Clouston agreed to pay for said office to said committee the sum of \$150, and had paid thereon about \$100, to be used for the purpose aforesaid—that said J. D. Clouston did pay said sum—and on said recommendation of said Edward Cochrane received said appointment, and now holds the same. The evidence on oath of said J. D. Clouston touching the same is as follows:—

“1895. How much money did you pay when you got this appointment Mr. Clouston?—I think some \$70 or \$75.

1896. You paid \$70 or \$75?—I think, I would not be positive.

1897. To whom did you pay that money?—To Mr. W. W. Webb.

1898. Did you tell Mr. Webb that you were instructed to pay any moneys. Mr. Webb has been examined?—Instructed?

1899. Yes?—No, I had no idea I was instructed.

1900. What did you tell Mr. Webb as to the balance?—I told him I would pay the balance as I went along.

1901. You told him you would pay the balance as you could?—Yes, the balance. I took upon myself to pay a certain amount, and I told him I would pay the balance.

1902. How much did you take upon yourself to pay?—I took upon myself to pay \$150.

1903. To whom were you to pay that?—To W. W. Webb.

1904. Who told you to pay it to W. W. Webb?—I don’t know that anybody told me to pay it particularly to W. W. Webb.

1905. You say nobody told you particularly to pay it to W. W. Webb?—Yes.

1906. How did you come to go to W. W. Webb?—Well, I was aware that he had a note that had to be arranged and settled up."

"1932. You said it was on the 10th of May, 1889. When the appointment was promised you, Mr. Stanley told you to go to Mr. Webb, and in the conversation he told you also that the others were paying?—Yes.

1933. That was after the appointment was promised but before you received it?—Yes, before I was notified to fill it.

1934. After you had received the promise, but before you were appointed or directed to take charge?—Yes.

1935. From whom did you receive the promise?—From Mr. Edward Cochrane.

1936. The promise of the position which you ultimately got?—Yes.

1937. But if you received the promise from Mr. Cochrane, it was Mr. Stanley who directed you to go to Mr. Webb?—I say it was by conversation."

"1950. Did you see Mr. Cochrane in regard to the appointment?—I was talking with him.

1951. You say you had a conversation with him?—Yes, sir.

1952. You had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane, the member of East Northumberland?—Yes, I say I had conversations with Mr. Cochrane.

1953. And what was said at that conversation, or at any one of the conversations you had with Mr. Cochrane?—I don't know."

"1960. But you received the promise of an appointment from Mr. Cochrane?—Yes."

"1982. What old indebtedness?—This old protest cost, run up there between Mr. James Ferris and William Wade.

1983. And what others?—Other bridge tenders.

1984. Mr. Cochrane told you—

1985. When he said to you that others were taking part in this old indebtedness, what others did he refer to?—I said that Cochrane may have said that others were taking part, and I think I said the others were bridge tenders.

1986. How much did he tell you the others were giving?—He may have said that they were giving 150.

1987. Each?—Yes."

"1992. You say he may have told you so on the occasion of that drive, that other bridgetenders were paying \$150. Do you believe now that he did tell you so, on your oath?—I believe he may have said so, as I said before.

1993. To the best of your recollection, you say he may have said that other bridge-tenders were giving \$150?—Yes."

"2023. Did you pay anything?—I suppose I did.

2024. Do you swear you paid a farthing?—Yes, sir.

2025. When?—I think on two different occasions I gave a dollar.

2026. On two different occasions you subscribed a dollar on the reduction of this indebtedness?—Yes."

"2032. Did you yourself contribute to the fund at that time?—Yes.

2033. How much?—I gave a dollar at that time.

2034. Was that the first time?—Yes.

2035. When was the next time?—The next time was when the protest was going on at Colborne.

2036. That is the Ferris protest?—Yes, the protest between Ferris and Wade.

2037. That is eight or nine years ago?—Yes. I think the other that I remember was when I saw Mr. Cochrane.

2038. Have you given anything since 1886 until you gave this generous donation of \$150?—I cannot tell when I paid that dollar."

"2048. Who told you first you were to be appointed bridge tender?—I said Mr. Cochrane said there was a bridge for me.

2049. Mr. Cochrane was the first man that mentioned to you that you were going to be appointed?—Yes."

"2090. I think you said that Mr. Cochrane told you that the other bridge-tenders were helping to pay the indebtedness?—Yes. I think he said so.

2091. Did he or did he not?—I think probably he did.

2092. And at the conversation he told you that you were going to be appointed a bridge-tender?—Yes.

2093. That took place when he told you that there was a bridge for you?—No. I think it was probably afterwards.

2094. Was it in the fall when you were driving back to Colborne that he told you that there was a bridge. Was that the time he told you that he had a bridge?—What time?"

"2136. Then you had no money to contribute until you got the promise of the bridge?—I don't know; I could not say.

2137. Was that the reason?—About."

19. That one other charge was referred to your Committee, namely, that one William Johnson paid \$200 corruptly to secure an appointment as bridge tender on said Canal; that said William Johnson, after said charge was made, left Canada for the United States, and that his attendance as a witness before said Committee could not be procured, and that it was resolved by said Committee that leave be given to withdraw said charge, and that it be considered as not made. Leave was accordingly so given.

20. That as respects the charge in which Henry May was concerned, no evidence was offered sustaining such charge, and that it was therefore not proved.

21. That the said C. D. Vanalstine corruptly paid the said James Stanley, in order to secure the office of tender of one of the bridges in said Canal, the money to be used as aforesaid; that the said money was returned to him because all the said positions had been disposed of. Mr. Vanalstine on his oath said:

"2245. With whom did you arrive at that sum? Whom did you talk to about the sum of \$150?—This man Stanley.

2246. Did he tell you that that was the amount of money each had to pay?—I am not certain about it.

2247. What did he tell you?—He asked me if I was willing to give \$150 to wipe the debt off, and I told him yes.

2248. The amount was fixed by him?—I could not say. He mentioned it.

2249. Did you then and there give him the money?—I told you before I gave him \$50 at that time, all I had.

2250. When did you pay the balance to him?—Some three or four days after; I did not note it down.

2251. You paid \$100 three or four days after that?—Yes; after that.

2252. And this, you say, was to go to pay off the party liability?—I understood it was to pay it off.

2253. You gave it solely with that end in view?—With the object of wiping off the protest indebtedness.

2254. With no other object?—With no other object.

2255. If that was your sole object, why did you let it go?—Other parties wanted the bridge, and they handed me my money back. I would be a fool if I had not taken it.

2256. You did not get the position?—No.

2257. And that is the reason why the money came back to you?—Yes."

22. That the said committee was organized for the express purpose of corruptly trafficking in said offices, and did corruptly sell and dispose of the same to Hedley Simpson, Wesley Goodrich, Robert May, Thomas Fitzgerald and J. D. Clouston, respectively, for a money consideration.

23. That said Edward Cochrane was aware of such corrupt sale and disposal of said offices, sanctioned the same and made his said recommendations with the knowledge that said offices were so sold and disposed of.

24. That the payment by the said Hedley Simpson of the said sum of \$200 directly relieved the said Edward Cochrane of just so much of the said Edward Cochrane's indebtedness on said note of \$619.69.

25. That the said Edward Cochrane did not present himself as a witness in his own behalf before your Committee, and did not pledge his oath to the incorrectness or falsehood of a single statement made before your Committee by any of the witnesses examined before them.

26. That all said appointees are poor men, although strong Conservatives: some of them never gave a cent for political purposes, and, of the rest, none gave more than \$3 each for such purposes for years prior to the payment of said sums.

27. That all the witnesses who appeared and gave evidence before your Committee, appeared to your Committee to be men of truth and desirous of speaking the truth, so far as they knew; and there does not appear to be any ground for doubting the credibility of any one of them.

28. That selling or disposing of offices for a money or other consideration is highly improper and reprehensible; and the parties shown to have been engaged in such a practice here should be proceeded against criminally.

All which is respectfully submitted, together with the evidence, exhibits and minutes of the proceedings.

The question being put on the amendment, the Committee divided, and the yeas and nays being called for, the names were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:—Messieurs Cameron (Huron), German and Mulock.—3.

NAYS:—Caron (Sir Adolphe), Messieurs Skinner and White (Shelburne).—3.

The yeas and nays being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment; which was thereby negatived.

The question then being put on the main motion, the Committee divided, and the yeas and nays being called for, the names were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:—Caron (Sir Adolphe), Messieurs Skinner and White (Shelburne).—3.

NAYS:—Messieurs Cameron (Huron), German and Mulock.—3.

The yeas and nays being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the main motion, which was thereby carried and *Ordered accordingly*.

Resolved, That the evidence, all the exhibits, the minutes of the proceedings, motions, and the report proposed in amendment by Mr. Cameron (Huron) to the motion proposed by Mr. Skinner, be submitted to the House with the Report of the Committee.

On motion of Sir Adolphe Caron, seconded by Mr. White (Shelburne), it was Ordered, That during the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Skinner do take the Chair.

The Committee then adjourned.

Attest,

N. ROBIDOUX,
Clerk of Committee.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
WEDNESDAY, 2nd September, 1891.

Committee met—Mr. TISDALE in the Chair.

Dr. J. G. BOURINOT, C.M.G., called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

1. Do you know Mr. Edward Cochrane, member of Parliament?—I do.
2. Was he a Member of the House of Commons for the electoral district of the East Riding of Northumberland, in 1888?—He was. I have here a certificate from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery under date of February, 1888, giving me the usual official communication of that fact.
3. What is the date of that certificate?—The 8th February. They are all of record in the Journals' Office.
4. He came into Parliament in the election of 1887?—This is what I have found to be the date of his first election. He may have been the defeated candidate, but of course I know nothing of that. This is the certificate of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and thereupon, in accordance with the British North America Act, he presented himself to be sworn as a member of the House of Commons, before me as Commissioner *per dedimus potestatum*. I find his signature here "Edward Cochrane," sworn before me on the 25th of February, 1888. He took his seat in the House, as it appears in the journals of the House of that date. Then, subsequently, his seat was declared void, as appears from the official report of Mr. Justice Burton, of the 30th October, 1888.
5. What is next?—The next proceeding, as far as I am concerned, is a certificate from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery under date of January 19th, 1889, certifying that by virtue of a writ of election, under a certain date, Edward Cochrane, Esquire, was duly returned for the East Riding of the County of Northumberland.
6. And he sat in the next session of Parliament?—I am coming to that now. It appears by the Test Roll that he signed the Roll and took the oath in accordance with the law, on the 1st February, 1889, and took his seat in the House. That appears of record in the Journal.
7. From that time until the last general election was he a member of the House?—As far as I am aware. I have no official fact to the contrary.
8. Can you say from the records of votes whether he supported the Government?—I know nothing of any political Government or body in the House.
9. The reason why I ask that is because it is contained in the third paragraph of the charge?—I say that; because I do not think it is a question which, under any circumstances, I might answer as Clerk of the House. The Journals of the House show all the proceedings in reference to Mr. Cochrane.

HEDLEY H. SIMPSON called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

10. Are you keeper of the Lighthouse at Presqu'Isle?—Yes.
11. When were you appointed?—In the year 1888.

12. Do you know what time you were appointed?—I think in April.
 13. Before you were appointed who had your position?—My father.
 14. Your father died, I understand?—Yes.
 15. Did you receive the appointment immediately after your father died?—No.
 16. How long after his death?—He died in the fall—in October—and I received the appointment in the April following.
 17. In the meantime had the duties to be performed?—Yes.
 18. Who performed them?—I did.
 19. Without receiving the appointment?—Yes.
 20. Did you get up a petition for the appointment of yourself?—I got up a petition and got some of my friends as signers, down where I live, but I never sent it in.
 21. Why did you not send it in?—Mr. Cochrane thought it was not necessary.
 22. Why did he think it was not necessary—did he not tell you?—No.
 23. You say he never told you why it was not necessary to send the petition in?—No; some of them told me—
 24. What did someone tell you?
 Mr. OSLER objected.

By Mr. Barron :

25. You did not present the petition?—No.
 26. Mr. Cochrane, you say, told you not to?—No, he did not.
 27. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane with regard to the petition?—No, sir.
 28. Never had at all?—No.
 29. Did Mr. Cochrane know that a petition was being got up in your behalf?—I cannot say.
 30. Then you do not know of your own knowledge whether Mr. Cochrane knew anything of that petition or not? Before you got the appointment, did your brother Arundel bring you a letter from Mr. Cochrane in connection with the appointment?—I cannot say.
 31. You do not remember?—No.
 32. You have no recollection of getting a letter from Mr. Cochrane brought to you by your brother Arundel?—No.
 33. Nor by anybody else?—No, sir.
 34. Have you searched for letters from Mr. Cochrane to you?—Yes.
 35. Why did you search for them?—My subpoena told me to bring all papers.
 36. You say, at all events, you have not been able to find any?—No.
 37. And you have no recollection of getting a letter from Mr. Cochrane?—No, sir.
 38. Will you swear you did not get a letter from Mr. Cochrane?—I will not.
 39. If your brother Arundel should swear that you did get a letter from Mr. Cochrane in regard to this appointment—
 Question objected to.

By Mr. Barron :

40. Is Arundel H. Simpson your brother?—No.
 41. Perhaps you may have mistaken me when I said your brother, but you got a letter from Arundel Simpson from Mr. Cochrane?—I cannot say. I do not remember whether I ever got a letter from Mr. Cochrane or not.
 42. Are you in the habit of carrying on much correspondence with people?—No.
 43. It is a rare thing for you to get letters; it is not a common thing?—I get letters about my business from the department.
 44. Is that all?—That is pretty much all.
 45. So the circumstance of getting a letter from Mr. Cochrane would be rather a rare occurrence for you?—Yes.
 46. And if you did you would remember it?—I think so.

47. But you won't swear whether you did or did not?—No. I may have got a letter from him and I would not swear whether I did or not.

48. If you do not remember whether you got a letter from Mr. Cochrane then you do not remember whether you showed it to Arundel Simpson or not?—No.

49. Do you remember stating to Arundel Simpson that in order to secure—

Mr. OSLER objected.

Mr. BARRON—I was going to ask Mr. Simpson if he remembered stating to Arundel Simpson that in order to secure the office he would require to give security for the payment of \$200?

Mr. OSLER—I object to that question as leading.

WITNESS—I did not.

The CHAIRMAN—The witness has answered the question, but I think myself it was too leading.

By Mr. Barron :

50. Had you any conversation with Arundel Simpson in regard to a letter from Mr. Cochrane?—I do not remember.

51. You will not swear that you had not any conversation?—No.

52. But if you had any conversation, you do not remember what the conversation was?—No, sir. I do not remember anything about a letter or a conversation.

53. Then you do not remember anything about a conversation, if one took place, between you and Arundel Simpson?—No, sir.

54. You do not remember anything about it?—No.

55. Had you any conversation with Arundel Simpson regarding your appointment to office?—I do not remember.

56. Then you may have had a conversation with him?—I may have had, but I do not remember.

57. And if you had a conversation, you do not remember what took place?—No, sir.

58. You do not remember either whether you had a conversation shortly after receiving the letter?—No, sir.

Mr. OSLER objected.

The CHAIRMAN—The witness has sworn that he does not remember having received a letter. I think it is a highly improper question to imply that he has said he did receive a letter.

WITNESS—I do not say that I did not understand, but I not remember having a conversation.

By Mr. Barron :

59. Did not understand what?—I understood what the question meant, but I could not swear whether I ever had a conversation with Arundel Simpson.

60. Did you show Arundel Simpson two notes which you had given in regard to the appointment?—No, sir. I do not think anybody saw them except the man I gave them to.

61. Where are the notes now?—They are destroyed.

62. Who destroyed them?—I did.

63. After you paid them?—Yes.

64. Then you did pay them?—I paid them.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron) :

65. When were they destroyed?—I could not say. Since the time of the appointment; some time after.

66. Did you see your Uncles Caleb and Darius Simpson in regard to these notes?—I saw my Uncle Darius.

67. In regard to these notes?—No.

68. What did you go to see him for?—He endorsed one of the notes; I asked him to.

69. You asked him to endorse one of the notes?—Yes.
 70. Were there two notes?—Yes.
 71. For how much each?—\$100 each.
 72. And you asked your Uncle Darius to endorse one of them?—Yes.
 73. Whom did you get to endorse the other?—No one.
 74. Why did you go to your Uncle Darius to get one endorsed?—He is a friend of mine.
 75. Who suggested you should go to him?—No one. I suggested it myself, if I remember right.
 76. Did anybody require an endorsement on one of those notes, or on both of them?—Mr. Stanley did.
 77. What is his first name?—James Stanley.
 78. What was the conversation you had with James Stanley in regard to it?
 Mr. OSLER—I object. This is not evidence against Mr. Cochrane.
 Objection sustained.

By Mr. Barron :

79. It was in consequence of the conversation you had with James Stanley that you got your Uncle Darius Simpson to endorse that note for you?—Yes.
 80. Your Uncle Darius at first refused to endorse the note?—I do not think he did.
 81. Did anybody go and see Mr. Cochrane in regard to those notes?—Not that I know of.
 82. Do you know whether Walter Simpson went to see him?—In regard to these notes?
 83. Yes?—No, sir; I do not.
 84. You do not know whether he did or did not?—No, sir.
 85. After you signed the notes, and your Uncle Darius endorsed one of them, what did you do with them?—I took them to Colborne. Mr. Stanley went with me to Colborne, and we went to the bank at Colborne, and the bank was closed. We then went to Mr. Payne's office, if I remember right, and then we went to the post office and deposited the money there.

By the Chairman :

86. What Mr. Barron wants to know is to whom you gave the notes and got the money from?—I gave the notes to James Stanley.
 87. And then you went with him where?—To Colborne.
 88. And from whom did you get the money on the notes?—I borrowed the money from James Stanley.
 89. He furnished it?—Yes.

By Mr. Barron :

90. You got the money from James Stanley on those notes?—Yes, sir.
 91. How much did you get?—Two hundred dollars.
 92. And what did you do with the money?—I paid it to Joseph Cochrane.
 93. Who is Joseph Cochrane?—He is the postmaster at Colborne.
 94. Is he any relation to Mr. Cochrane the member?—I think he is.
 95. What relation?—I could not say.
 96. But at all events you paid the money to Mr. Joseph Cochrane, the postmaster at Colborne?—Yes, sir.
 97. How did you come to see Stanley in regard to these notes?—I was after the lights, and spoke to Mr. Stanley who belongs to the committee.
 98. What committee?—The committee of the Conservative party.
 99. At Colborne?—At Brighton.
 100. Well, what next?—Well, I asked to see Mr. Cochrane, I think, but I do not remember.
 101. You asked to see Mr. Cochrane in regard to what?

Mr. OSLER objected to the question.

By Mr. Barron :

102. Well, you asked Stanley to see Mr. Cochrane, did you?—I think I did; I won't be positive.

103. What did you ask Stanley to see Cochrane about?—About the position of lighthouse-keeper at Presqu'Isle.

104. And do you know whether Stanley did see Mr. Cochrane or not?—I don't know.

105. You don't know anything about that?—No.

106. That was before giving the notes, was it?—Yes; I think so.

107. Then after that you went to see Stanley?—Yes, I saw him.

108. How long after that?—I could not say.

109. And how long after that was it you gave the notes?—I could not say.

110. You do not know?—No.

111. But it was after you had asked Stanley to see Mr. Cochrane, that you gave the notes?—Yes.

112. Well then, did you go to Stanley to give the notes, or did he come to you?—I went to Stanley.

113. And the conversation between you and Stanley in regard to giving the notes, took place in Brighton?—Yes.

114. And was it in pursuance of that conversation, you got your Uncle Darius to endorse the notes?—Yes.

115. Then you paid these notes?—Yes.

116. Was it after you paid the notes, or before you got the appointment as lighthouse-keeper at Presqu'Isle?—No.

117. It was after you gave the notes?—Yes, after I gave the notes.

118. But before you had paid them?—Yes.

119. How long had these notes to run? Do you remember?—I don't remember.

120. What value did you get for the notes?—What value did I get?

121. Yes?—I don't know I got any value for them.

122. Then why did you give them?—I gave them to help to pay the indebtedness of the party.

123. You gave them simply for that?—Yes sir. Mr. Stanley told me whatever I gave, was to be of my own free will.

124. Mr. Stanley told you, whatever you gave, you gave of your own free will?—Yes, sir.

125. Then you say you got no value for them, except just subscribing to the party fund?—Yes.

126. Would you have given them if you had not got that appointment?

Mr. OSLER objected.

By Mr. Barron :

127. Was there any conversation about getting the appointment, which you did get, before you gave these notes?—I don't remember. I never said much about the appointment to anybody.

128. You do not remember whether you had any conversation at all?—No.

129. What did you send Stanley to Cochrane for? Out with it now?—For the appointment.

130. You sent Stanley to Cochrane for the appointment? What appointment was that?—For the lights.

131. And when you next saw Stanley, you thought you had to give two notes?

Mr. OSLER objected.

By Mr. Barron :

132. Well, you next saw Stanley, what took place?—I don't know. It may have been some time after, I saw him several times.

133. I am going to ask you, had you not an interview about the getting of this appointment when you gave these notes?—Certainly.

134. You had in view the getting of the appointment when you gave the notes?—Yes.

135. And for getting the appointment you had to give the notes?

Counsel objected.

136. I ask you this. Was the promise of the appointment the reason why you gave the notes?—I gave the notes of my own free will.

137. The appointment had nothing whatever to do with the giving of the notes? Counsel objected.

WITNESS—I think I would have got the appointment without the notes.

By Mr. Mulock :

138. Would the notes have been given without the appointment?—I do not know about that. I cannot say about that.

139. Would you have given the notes without some understanding about getting the appointment?—Well, I do not understand how I could have paid them.

140. You would not have rendered yourself liable for the notes unless you had got the office that would have enabled you to have paid them?—No.

141. Would you have given these two \$100 notes unless you had got this office to pay for them?—No, I do not think I would.

142. Out of what sum did you expect to pay the notes?—I had no funds.

143. When you gave the notes how did you expect to pay for them?—I expected to pay for them out of the salary I got for taking care of the lighthouse.

144. Is that the way you paid them?—Yes.

145. You had the promise of the office when you signed the notes?—No, sir.

146. You had not the promise of the appointment, but you expected to pay the notes out of the proceeds of the office?—I did.

147. Then if you had not the promise, did you think it likely you would get the office?—I had no straight promise, but I expected to get it.

148. On what did you base your expectation?—My father kept the lighthouse before me, and I applied to the Deputy Minister, and I was pretty sure Mr. Cochrane would do what he could, and I could secure the appointment in that way.

149. If you had thought you would not have got the office would you have given the notes?—I could not have paid them if I had not got the office.

150. They would not have been much use if you had not got the office?—No.

151. You could not have paid the notes if you had not got the office?—No.

152. You would not have given them any way?—I could not have paid them unless I had got the office.

153. You mention having sent Mr. Stanley to Mr. Cochrane. What Mr. Cochrane is that?—The member.

154. When did you send Mr. Stanley to Mr. Cochrane?—I don't know that I sent Mr. Stanley.

155. Did you ask Mr. Stanley to see Mr. Cochrane?—I think I did.

156. Which Mr. Cochrane was that?—The member.

157. About the appointment was it?—Yes.

158. Do you remember when that was?—No I don't.

159. Was it before or after you gave the notes?—Before I signed the notes, I think.

160. Did Mr. Stanley see Mr. Cochrane about the appointment?—I do not know.

161. Have you any reason to believe that he did?—I do not know.

162. Have you any reason to know whether Mr. Stanley spoke to Mr. Cochrane about the appointment?—I do not know, but I think he did.

163. Was it before or after you signed the notes you asked Mr. Stanley to see Mr. Cochrane?—It was before that.

164. Before?—I think so.

165. When you asked Mr. Stanley about the appointment you had not then got the promise of it?—No.

166. You would not have sent some one to Mr. Cochrane if you had been sure of it?—I do not know.

167. You would have given the notes before you had been guaranteed it?—I do not know that I would.

168. I suppose until you were notified that you had the office, you were not sure whether you would get it or not?—I thought I would. I had charge of it, I was in possession then. I had been in possession after the death of my father.

169. What occurred between the death of your father and the getting the appointment, that led you to suppose you would get it?—I do not know.

170. What occurred between the death of your father and the time of your getting the office, that led you to believe that you would get it?—I think it generally goes that way.

171. I am speaking about this particular case. What occurred between the death of your father and your receiving the appointment, which caused you to believe that you would get it?—Nothing, except that it had always been in the family.

172. How long time elapsed between the death of your father and your getting the appointment?—He died in October and I got the office in April.

173. Of course you had closed up the lighthouse?—Yes.

174. When did you close the lighthouse?—It is closed at different times.

175. At the close of navigation?—Yes.

176. Now what occurred between the death of your father in October and your getting the appointment in April that caused you to believe, if you did believe, that you would get the appointment?—I cannot say that there was anything in particular, but I expected to get it.

177. What was the date of the notes you signed?—Were they in the Fall or in the Spring?—It must have been in the Spring or Winter.

178. Do you remember what sort of a vehicle you went to Colborne in, with Stanley?—I drove him in a vehicle.

179. Did you drive by sleigh?—I drove by sleigh.

180. So it was during the sleighing in the winter?—Yes.

181. How long did the notes run?—I don't remember.

182. Three months, or four, or longer?—Three months, I think.

183. To whom did you pay the money to meet the notes?—To Mr. Stanley.

184. Where?—I think I paid them in his hotel in Brighton.

185. You went there to pay him?—Yes.

186. You paid them out of the salary you got?—Yes.

187. How much salary was it a year?—\$400.

188. Was it paid half yearly?—I cannot say how it was paid. I paid just as I could spare it.

189. I mean your salary?—My salary is paid quarterly.

190. Did you pay the notes in instalments or altogether?—I do not remember how they were drawn up, but I think I gave him \$50 at another time, and I do not remember after that. That was the first payment.

191. You paid in instalments as your salary enabled you?—Yes.

192. And whether the notes were payable at one time or by instalments you cannot say?—No.

193. Were they overdue when you made this payment?—I think probably they were.

194. But you can say about their being paid, and that they were to be paid out of the receipts of the office?—Yes.

By Mr. Barron:

195. Did you ever subscribe before this to the party funds?—No.

196. This is the only occasion, according to you, that you ever subscribed?—
Yes.

197. You say you thought you were entitled to the office?—Yes.

198. Because your father had it before you?—Yes.

199. And because you kept it after your father's death. That was the reason why?—Yes, I thought I should have it.

200. This petition was got up for you while you were acting in the capacity of lighthouse-keeper?—Yes.

201. Who suggested that petition?—I do not remember.

202. Was it yourself?—No, I do not think so.

203. Then if you know it was not yourself perhaps you can tell us who it was that suggested it?—I cannot.

204. You cannot recollect?—No.

205. Why was it dropped?—I do not know. By my friends I suppose.

206. Did you know it was going to be dropped?—Yes.

207. Who took around this petition?—I went with it and my brother.

208. What is his name?—Herbert W.

209. And you don't know when the petition was dropped?—I heard that Mr. Cochrane said there was no need of it; that—

210. That what?—That there was no need of a petition anyway; that it would do no good.

211. Who told you that?—I cannot say.

212. It was in consequence of that, however, that the petition was dropped?—
Yes, I think so.

213. Tell me who suggested giving these notes?—Mr. Stanley.

214. He was the one?—Yes.

215. He was the only one who suggested the giving of the notes?—Yes.

216. What did you say to Mr. Stanley when he suggested—

Mr. OSLER objected.

By Mr. Barron :

217. Were you in Brighton on Friday or Saturday last?—I do not remember.

218. Don't you remember whether you were in Brighton on Friday or Saturday last?—I was there either one day or the other, I cannot say which.

219. You knew then that these proceedings were going to take place?—Yes; I heard it.

220. Did you see Mr. Cochrane on Friday or Saturday last?—No.

221. Nor on Sunday?—I did not.

222. You say you did not?—I do not remember seeing him.

223. What, you do not remember whether you saw him or not?—No.

224. On Friday, or Saturday or Sunday last?—I did not see him on Sunday.

225. Will you swear you did not see him on Friday or Saturday?—I saw Mr. Cochrane, one day and I think it must have been Friday or Saturday. I cannot say, but I know it was one or the other of those days.

226. That is Mr. Cochrane, M. P.?—Yes.

227. Had you any conversation with him in regard to these proceedings?—I had not.

228. You say he did not speak to you about them?—Not to my recollection.

229. Do you not think you would remember if he did?—Yes.

230. You heard that these proceedings were going to take place?—Yes.

231. Who did you hear it from?—I do not remember that. I heard it from different parties.

232. But you will not swear that Mr. Cochrane had no conversation with you in regard to them?—No. He had no conversation with me in regard to these proceedings, I do not think. Not that I remember.

233. Or in regard to the trouble that had been occasioned?—I do not think he spoke about it. I met him and shook hands with him and very few words passed.

234. Did he talk with anybody in your hearing?—No.

235. Were you with Mr. Cochrane last night?—Yes.

236. Had you then any conversation with him in regard to what was going to take place?—No.

By Mr. Osler :

237. How long did your father have the lighthouse?—I can hardly say. I think about thirty years.

238. How old a man was he when he died?—Seventy-three, or somewhere about that.

239. What condition had your father been in the latter years of his life?—He was in good health until he died, or about four days before he died.

240. Did your father attend to the lighthouse?—Yes; he attended to it most of the time.

241. Who else attended to it?—I did.

242. What other occupation had you besides attending to the lighthouse?—I used to sail sometimes.

243. And to what extent had you attended the lighthouse?—Whenever I was home I attended it mostly.

244. And at other times you occupied yourself as a sailor?—Yes.

245. Were you a voter in that riding?—I voted; yes.

246. You had a vote?—Yes.

247. Had you taken any interest in politics?—Very little.

248. But you had taken some interest?—Yes.

249. How many years have you had a vote?—Four or five years.

250. Do you know that there have been a great many bye-elections and regular elections in East Northumberland, both for the Local and Dominion?—Yes.

251. Do you know that there have been several election trials?—Yes.

252. And do you know that the party have been to very great expense in connection with those elections?—Yes, sir.

253. The party supporters have been taxed very heavily there?—Yes, sir.

254. Had you more than one interview with Stanley?—I do not think that I had.

255. That is the interview you have been speaking of?—Yes.

256. Had you any interview yourself with Mr. Cochrane the member?—I do not remember having any interview at all with him.

257. You do not remember having any interview with him with reference to the office?—No.

258. When was it that you circulated the petition, with reference to the date when you made the note or notes?—It was right away after my father died.

259. Are you a married man?—No, sir.

260. Did your father leave a family?—Yes.

261. Are you supporting them?—Yes.

262. Have they any other means of support?—No.

By Mr. German :

263. What was to be done with the money that you raised on those notes to Stanley?—It is to pay up the expense of an old protest between Mr. Wade and Mr. Ferris.

264. Why did you go to Colborne to pay the money into the bank?—The note was in the bank at Colborne.

265. What note?—The note given to pay the protest expenses.

266. The note was in the bank at Colborne?—Yes.

267. Then the notes you gave to Stanley were used to apply in payment of this note?—Yes.

268. From whom did you understand that?—Stanley.

269. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Cochrane prior to the giving of the note to Stanley?—No.

270. None at all?—No.
 271. Had not you seen him about the appointment?—No.
 272. Had not you spoken to him about it?—No.
 273. You had heard from another source that it was not necessary to get up a petition?—Yes, sir.
 274. Was it Stanley told you that?—I do not think so.
 275. Did you afterwards tell Mr. Cochrane that you had given those notes?—I did not.
 276. Did you see Mr. Cochrane about it at all?—No.
 277. You did not speak to him about it at all?—No.
 278. You say you do not remember having received a letter from Mr. Cochrane in regard to this appointment?—I do not.
 279. And you do not remember talking to Arundel Simpson about the contents of the letter?—I do not.
 280. You do not remember?—No.
 281. Now if you had a conversation with Arundel Simpson, about this letter I suppose what you stated about it would be correct?

MR. OSLER objected.

WITNESS—If it was according to what he said it would not be correct.

By Mr. Osler :

282. Was the election between Wade and Ferris for the House of Commons or for the Local Legislature?—For the Local Legislature.
 283. How many years before the occasion of the giving of the note had that election taken place?—I do not remember; sometime before.
 284. About how many years; was it a recent election?—It was some time before.
 285. And there had been an election protest and an election trial with reference to the election for the Provincial Legislature, and there was a debt connected with it which your notes were to go to pay?—Yes.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron) :

286. Were there notes for that debt outstanding at the time you gave your notes?—That is what I understood.

By Mr. Osler :

287. What bank was it?—I do not know.
 288. How many banks are there in Colborne?—There is only one bank—the Standard Bank.
 289. So that it must have the Standard Bank the note was in?—Yes.

ARUNDEL R. SIMPSON called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

290. You know the last witness?—Yes.
 291. What relation is he of yours?—A brother-in-law.
 292. Do you remember the death of his father?—Yes, sir.
 293. What position had his father?—Lighthouse-keeper at Presqu'Isle.
 294. And when he died, you remember the circumstances of his father dying?—Yes.
 295. And that he performed the duties of his father, after his death?—Yes, for a short time.
 296. I am speaking now of the other witness, Hedley Simpson, performing the duties of his father, both before and after his death, for a short time?—Yes.
 297. Was a petition got up to have him appointed?—I believe there was.
 298. Did you help in circulating that petition?—No, I did not.

299. Did you see the petition?—No, sir.

300. You know that he wanted to get the appointment?—He told me that he did.

301. Did you assist him to get the appointment?—Yes, I believe, I did what I could for him.

302. What did you do for him?—Well, I don't know that I did anything particular.

303. Did you see Mr. Edward Cochrane, the member?—No.

304. You never saw him at all?—Oh, I never saw him, not about the petition.

305. But about getting the appointment for Mr. Hedley Simpson?—No, I never asked him anything about it.

306. You had no conversation with him in regard to it?—No, not particular.

307. Well, what conversation had you that was not particular?—Well, I don't know anything; I don't know what you are trying to come at.

308. You are Mr. Arundel R. Simpson?—Yes.

309. And I ask you if you had any conversation with Mr. Cochrane, the member, in regard to the appointment of Mr. Hedley Simpson, to a position of lighthouse keeper at Presqu'Isle?—Well, along in March I think. I think his father died in October, and I gave him a letter from Mr. Cochrane.

310. Did you see that letter?—No, I saw the letter, but I did not know what was in it. I could not tell you what was in it.

311. Was that letter read in your presence?—I don't know as it was. I don't think it was; I would not swear positively, it is quite a while ago.

312. Did Mr. Cochrane tell you what was in the letter?—He told me it was concerning the lighthouse, and wanted to know if I would send the letter to Mr. Hedley Simpson, for him to come and see him.

313. That is all you know was in the letter?—That is all I know.

314. It was a letter from Mr. Edward Cochrane, to Hedley Simpson, in regard to the lighthouse?

The CHAIRMAN—He says it was something about the lighthouse and that Mr. Cochrane wanted to see him.

By Mr. Barron :

315. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane with regard to the position?—Yes. He said there was no necessity of sending a petition.

316. Why did he say that?—He did not say. He said he would attend to it; that there was no necessity of sending a petition, that he would do the business. He said he would look after it, or something in that way.

317. Did he tell you to tell Hedley Simpson?

Mr. OSLER objected.

By Mr. Barron :

318. Was there anything said, in regard to forwarding a petition to Ottawa, between Mr. Cochrane and you?—No, I don't think there was.

319. Was there anything said about leaving the matter in Mr. Cochrane's hands?—I don't know, that was all he said to me; that he would look after the thing, there was no necessity for sending a petition.

320. Do you know one Snetsinger?—Yes.

321. Did Mr. Cochrane ever tell you about getting anything from him for the light-house?—No, I don't know that he ever said that he had anything from him.

322. What did he say?—I believe he told me once, that he had offered him something for it.

323. Who offered?—Mr. Snetsinger.

By the Chairman :

324. Mr. Cochrane told you that Snetsinger offered him something?—Yes.

By Mr. Barron :

325. How much did he say?—I would not be positive, either \$4 0 or \$600.

326. He said that Snetsinger offered him, either \$400 or \$600 for the appointment?—I would not be positive which, he told me it was quite an amount.

327. What did he say then, at that conversation, about giving it to Hedley H. Simpson?—I don't know exactly what he said about it.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron) :

328. Did he say anything?—I don't know; it is quite a while ago. He said I believe that he would, or they would, let him have it a good deal cheaper.

329. Would let who have it cheaper?—Mr. Hedley Simpson.

By the Chairman :

330. What did he say?—He said that Hedley would get it for \$200.

By Mr. Mulock :

331. Why do you refer to the word "cheaper"?—I don't know; I suppose that is what he said.

332. Tell us what he said?—He said he would get it for \$200.

333. Did he use the word "cheaper"?—I don't know as he did.

By Mr. Barron :

334. Was it subsequent to that that the letter was sent by you to Hedley from Cochrane?—I don't know whether it was before or after.

335. Now what conversation had you with Mr. Cochrane in regard to Hedley H. Simpson paying something, or securing something, in the way of getting the appointment; for you had a conversation?

The Chairman ruled the last clause of the question out of order.

By Mr. Barron :

336. What conversation had you with Mr. Cochrane in regard to Hedley H. Simpson getting the appointment?

Counsel objected.

By Mr. Barron :

337. What conversation had you with Mr. Cochrane?—The conversation was when I took the letter.

338. Had you only one conversation with Mr. Cochrane?—Well, about that. I often had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane. I was brought up as his neighbour and we would often talk together, but I don't remember that anything was said about this.

339. You only had a conversation at one time in regard to the letter?—Yes.

340. Now at any other time had you any conversation with regard to Hedley Simpson getting the appointment?—I don't recollect.

341. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane in regard to Hedley H. Simpson doing anything for the appointment?—He gave me the letter. He called me into the hall and Stanley gave me the letter to take over to him to let him know that he wanted him to go and see him. I went over and took it to him; and his brother said he would not give him anything.

By Mr. Osler :

342. Whose brother?—Hedley Simpson's brother.

By Mr. Barron :

343. Was there anything ever said about giving security for the appointment?—There was not by Mr. Cochrane.

344. Was Mr. Cochrane present when security was spoken about?—No.

345. You are sure of that?—I think he was not present.

346. There was a conversation with regard to the appointment being given to some one else?—Yes. What Hedley said to me was that he had not got the appointment yet.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron) :

347. Was that at the time you were asked to carry the letter? I would not be positive. I think it was afterwards. I think it was Mr. Cochrane who was talking.

348. Where?—In Mr. Bullock's store.

349. Is that in the Village of Brighton?—Yes.

350. Was Mr. Cochrane alone?—No. I do not think he was.

351. Was anybody with him?—Yes.

352. Did anybody take part in the conversation in the Village of Brighton?—I do not remember.

353. When was this?—I think it was after he got the appointment.

354. Are you sure of that?—I am quite positive it was. It was the next summer I think.

355. Will you let me understand now, what was the nature of the conversation with Mr. Cochrane in a few words?—He said that he had done quite a lot for the Simpson family, that he gave Hedley the lighthouse for less than he could have got for it from another party—that he could have got more than he had got from Hedley Simpson from Snetsinger.

356. Did he say how much Snetsinger had offered him?—I think \$600.

357. Did he say how much he got for it?—I do not know that he did, for he knew that I was aware how much he got.

358. How did you become aware?—I knew by the notes.

359. How much were they?—\$200.

360. Who were the notes made by?—By Stanley. I think Stanley made the notes.

361. Who drew up the notes?—Stanley.

362. Who was the maker of the notes?—Stanley.

MR. OSLER.—The question is whether he was in possession of any knowledge himself.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron) :

363-4. Did you see the notes?—Yes.

365. Then you are speaking from your own knowledge?—Yes.

366. You saw the notes? When did you see them, do you know?—I do not remember.

367. How long after the interview would it have been?—Just a day or so.

368. Where did you see them?—I saw them at my place.

369. Who brought them there?—Hedley Simpson.

370. Was anybody with him?—No.

371. Did you go with Hedley Simpson anywhere with the notes?—Nowhere.

372. He brought them to your place and you saw them?—Yes.

373. They were payable to whom?—To Mr. Stanley.

374. On what Bank?—On the Standard Bank at Colborne.

375. How much were they for?—For \$100 each.

376. Do you recollect when they were payable?—One in six months and the other in three.

377. You saw the notes?—Yes.

378. And you knew the amount had been given through them. You knew the sum that had been paid for the lighthouse?—Yes.

379. What else did Mr. Cochrane say besides what you have told us?—I do not remember anything else. He said that he could have got more from Mr. Snetsinger. That was all.

380. Did you say anything in reply to that?—That is all.

381. What did you tell him in reply to that?—I did not tell him anything.

382. Did you make any promise at all?—I don't recollect.
383. Was there anything said about the \$200, or as to the amount that was paid on the notes?—No.
384. Nothing was said about the notes?—No, nothing was said about the notes by Mr. Cochrane.
385. Did you say anything to him about the notes?—No.
386. Did you tell him you had seen the notes?—No.
387. Had you any conversation with him at any time about the notes?—No, I don't remember having any conversation with Mr. Cochrane about the notes in any way.
388. Did you know anything about a petition that was got up in favour of Hedley Simpson getting the appointment?—Yes.
389. Did you sign it?—I did not sign it.
390. Are you sure of that?—Yes.
391. Did you ever speak to Mr. Cochrane about the petition—I might have spoken to him.
392. Did you speak to Hedley about the advisability of his getting up the petition?—He said there was no necessity of getting it up.
393. Did he say why?—I do not know that he told me the reason why.
394. Did Hedley give any reason?—He said it was not necessary.
395. Did he say to you why it was not necessary to get up the petition?—No; not that I remember.
396. Did you ask him?—No.
397. Did you ever hear anything about these notes afterward from Mr. Hedley Simpson?—Not after he was at my place.

By Mr. German :

398. You said that Cochrane and Stanley were together when you got the letter for Hedley Simpson?—Yes.
399. In whose house?—Mr. Stanley's.
400. Did Stanley say anything in regard to the contents of the letter or regarding the appointment in Mr. Cochrane's presence?—I do not recollect that he did.
401. Did you have any conversation with Hedley Simpson about the contents of the letter?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock :

402. You spoke of a conversation. I do not ask you about it, but where it occurred. You referred to a conversation wherein you say that Hedley's brother said he, Hedley, would not give any more for the office. Where did that take place?—Mr. Hedley Simpson's house.
403. Who was present?—I was present.
404. Hedley, you and the brother?—Yes.

By Mr. German :

405. Why did Hedley Simpson bring these notes to your place?—He told me the reason.

WALTER SIMPSON called, sworn, and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

406. Are you any relation to Caleb Simpson?—Yes, sir.
407. A son?—Yes.
408. And a nephew of Darius Simpson?—Yes.
409. And therefore related to Hedley Simpson?—Yes; a cousin.
410. Do you remember Hedley Simpson consulting with your father in regard to getting an appointment?—No, sir.
411. You do not remember any conversation at all?—No, sir.

412. Did you speak to Mr. Cochrane about this appointment of Hedley Simpson?—I met Mr. Cochrane once in Brighton before the appointment and I asked him if Hedley Simpson's chances for getting the lighthouse were good. He said they were.

413. Is that all?—That is all.

414. Were you sent to Mr. Cochrane at any time?—No, sir.

415. By no one?—No one.

416. Did you see Mr. Cochrane at any other time in regard to this matter?—No, sir.

417. Never had any conversation at any time?—No.

418. Except what you have stated?—Except what I have stated.

419. Did you, after having seen Mr. Cochrane at any time again see Hedley Simpson in regard to the appointment?—Not that I am aware of.

420. Just try and speak as certainly in regard to that matter as you did of others.—I do not know that I did. I may have, but I cannot remember.

421. Did you ever tell Mr. Hedley Simpson what Mr. Cochrane had said to you with regard to his appointment?—I do not remember that I did.

422. Do you remember the circumstance of Hedley Simpson giving two notes?—I know nothing of it.

423. Never heard of it?—I heard of it afterward.

424. After it was done?—Yes.

425. You knew nothing of it before?—No, sir.

426. You knew nothing about the arrangement of the notes?—No, sir.

427. Were you ever sent to James Stanley in regard to them?—No, sir.

428. And never saw James Stanley?—I may have seen him.

429. I mean in regard to the notes?—No, sir.

430. Never talked to him about them?—No.

431. You know him?—Yes.

432. Had you any conversation with Mr. Thomas Webb in regard to these notes?—No, sir.

433. Nor with regard to the appointment?—No, sir.

434. You were never told to arrange with James Stanley anything in regard to the notes?—I know nothing of them.

By Mr. Mulock :

435. When was it that you had the conversation with Mr. Cochrane that you referred to?—Before the appointment. I could not tell.

436. Do you know when the appointment was made?—I do not know exactly.

437. Do you know about when?—Well, it was some time after my uncle's death.

438. Of course it was. Your cousin said it was in the spring; I think April?—I do not know anything more than what I heard him say.

439. It was before you heard that the appointment had been made, of course?—Yes.

440. The conversation led you to believe the appointment had been made?—Yes.

441. And it was shortly before the appointment was made in the spring of 1889? I do not remember the year.

442. It was in 1889 that the appointment was made?

Mr. SKINNER—Hedley Simpson said it was in 1888.

Mr. MULOCK—At all events it is the reference to the dates, not the year, that I want. The appointment was made in April and your conversation with Mr. Cochrane was in the spring of the year?—I could not say exactly when it was; it was some time before the appointment.

443. You had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane prior to the appointment?—Yes, sir.

444. And Mr. Cochrane then told you that Hedley's chances were good?—Those were the very words.

445. How did he come to make that remark?—I asked him.
 446. How did you come to ask him?—There were so many applications for the lighthouse that I wanted to know what my cousin's chances were.
 447. And he told you that they were good?—Yes.
 448. Where did this conversation take place?—I think it was on the steps of the Central Hotel at Brighton.
 449. Was any one else present?—No, sir.
 450. Did he say why the chances were good?—No, sir.

JAMES STANLEY called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

451. Where do you live, Mr. Stanley?—In the village of Brighton.
 452. You are a hotel-keeper there?—Yes, sir.
 453. How long have you been there?—About two years and a half.
 454. That is you have been keeping a hotel during the time, or have you lived there longer than that?—I have lived there since 1867.
 455. And you have been a hotel-keeper for the last two years and a half?—Yes.
 456. You of course know Mr. Cochrane the member for the East Riding of Northumberland?—Yes.
 457. An intimate friend of his?—Yes.
 458. Have you acted for him as treasurer, or for any person as treasurer, in receiving moneys from different parties?—I have received moneys from different parties, but not as treasurer for him.
 459. From whom?—From the committee that was appointed.
 460. Have you received money from Thomas Fitzgerald at any time?—Yes.
 461. How much?—\$150.
 462. What was that for?—It was to go towards paying off the indebtedness of the party, of an old election protest.
 463. What was Thomas Fitzgerald?—I guess he is a farmer. He acted as that before—
 464. Before what?—Before his appointment as bridge tender.
 465. He was appointed as bridge keeper?—Yes.
 466-7. Where?—The Trent Bridge, I think it is called, on the Murray Canal.
 468. How much money did he give you?—\$150.
 469. How did he come to give you that?—He was appointed bridge tender. The committee recommended him for the appointment, and told me that as he was to get the appointment, I was to see him to see if he would give something to the party.
 470. The committee appointed, instructed you to see these different bridge-keepers and see if they would not voluntarily give something?—Yes, voluntarily.
 471. After they got the appointment?—Yes; they got the promise of it.
 472. Was Mr. Cochrane a member of that committee?—He was not.
 473. Can you tell me who was?—I can mention two or three; I don't know that I can mention them all.
 474. Mention some?—D. C. Bullock.
 475. Who else?—I am not sure that Major Webb was one, but I think Philip Lawson was one.
 476. Who else?—Hugh McQuoid.
 477. Who else?—I don't know whether Robert Clark was not one; I am not certain.
 478. What was that committee?—It was one of the leading ones of the Conservative party.
 479. In East Northumberland?—Yes.
 480. There are others on the committee that you cannot remember?—There may be, but I cannot remember.

481. How did you come to demand, voluntarily, \$150?—I did not come; I sent.

482. Who did you send?—I think I sent word.

483. Was that before the appointment or afterwards?—I told you they had the promise of the appointment.

484. Then it was before they actually got the appointment?—They had got it from the committee.

485. They had got the promise of the appointment from whom?—From the committee.

486. But they had not actually got the appointment from the Government?—No.

487. Was it before Mr. Fitzgerald got the appointment you exacted a payment from him on behalf of the committee?

Mr. Osler objected.

By Mr. Barron :

488. You say he gave it voluntarily?—Yes.

489. Did you ask him for it?—I asked him what he would give.

490. To what?—Towards paying the indebtedness of the party.

491. What was he to get for the \$150?—He was not to get anything.

492. However, you got \$150 from Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald?—Yes.

493. That was before he actually got the appointment from the Government?—

Yes.

494. Do you know a man by the name of Mason?—Yes; William Mason.

495. Has he got a bridge, too?—No; he has not.

496. Had he the promise of one?—No.

497. Did he ever deposit any money with you?—No, he never did.

498. Do you know Mr. Vanalstine?—Yes.

499. Did he ever deposit any money with you?—No, sir.

500. What does he do?—He has been working on the canal.

501. In what capacity?—I don't know, in almost everything—he has been working for the contractors.

502. Is he a bridge keeper, or anything of that kind?—No.

503. Or a bridge tender?—He is not.

504. How much did you get from him?—\$150.

505. What did he give you \$150 for?—Well, towards paying off the indebtedness of the party.

506. How did you come to send to him?—I was sending to them all.

507. All at the same time?—All at the same time; pretty much the same day.

508. It was the same time, at all events, that you sent for them?—Yes.

509. Who told you to send for them?—The Committee, as I said before, recommended the man.

510. Was he promised an appointment too?—Yes.

511. What appointment had been promised?—One of the bridges, I believe.

512. One of the bridges on the Murray Canal?—Yes.

513. By whom?—By the Committee recommending him.

514. This committee you have mentioned would recommend to whom?—To the members themselves, afterwards, I suppose.

515. But you don't know?—No.

516. The Committee would recommend them if what?—There was no if about it.

517. No if about it?—No, if about it at all.

518. You just told him he was recommended for the position as bridge keeper on the Murray Canal?—He had been recommended.

519. And you sent him to come to you and you told him that?—Yes.

520. And what else?—Well, nothing else.

521. O, yes; you sent for him for something else?—No, I did not send for him at all.

522. Not to get any money from him?—I asked him what he could afford to give towards paying off the indebtedness of the party.

523. What did he say?—He said he would willingly give, if he could get the appointment, \$150, towards paying off the indebtedness.

524. Was that sum suggested by him or by you?—Suggested by himself.

525. Do you know Philip Lawson?—Yes.

526. Where does he live?—In the Township of Murray.

527. He has been employed on the canal?—He has been employed, I think contracting for stone.

528. Since its inception?—Yes.

529. Did you get any money from him?—Not a dollar.

530. Do you know if he ever paid any money?—I do not.

531. Are you sure you never heard he had given any money?—No, I don't know if he did.

532. You never heard of it?—(No answer.)

533. Did he get the appointment?—Not to my knowledge.

534. And you don't know that he paid any money?—I don't know that.

535. Are the parties you have just mentioned all you received money from?—No.

536. Who else?—I received money from Hedley Simpson.

537. How much did you receive from him?—\$200—at least I received his note for that amount.

538. Now, with the exception of Hedley Simpson, Thomas Fitzgerald, and Vanalstine, are there any other parties you received money from?—Well, I don't think there is.

539. Do you know of any parties who paid money, and who did not get appointments, and were repaid the money?—Only Vanalstine.

540. And was he repaid the money?—Yes.

541. Vanalstine did not get the appointment?—No.

542. And therefore he was repaid the money?—Yes; I repaid it.

542½. But you did not repay the others?—No.

543. Because they got the appointments?—Yes.

544. Now, with the exception of Vanalstine were there any others who paid money to whom the money was returned?—Not to my knowledge.

545. Now then you say you received \$200; from Hedley Simpson?—Yes.

546. In what way did you receive the \$200?—I received two notes at \$100 each.

547. Were the notes endorsed?—They were endorsed by his Uncle Darius.

548. How did you come to want Darius to endorse the notes?—Hedley was not worth anything himself. I thought his Uncle had better endorse them.

549. For what period was the notes to run?—One was for three months and the other was for a longer term.

550. Did you see his Uncle about it at all?—No.

551. Did you know that Hedley was going to be appointed lighthouse keeper?

552. What member of the Committee came to you and told you of these things?—I was one of the Committee myself.

553. This Committee used to meet from time to time?—Yes.

554. Where?—In the hotel, sometimes in Bullick's store.

555. They used to sit in judgment on these different positions?—Yes; to see who was the best man to put in.

556. They decided to ask Hedley Simpson for \$200?—They asked him what he could afford to give to pay off the indebtedness for the old protest.

557. What protest?—The protest of James L. Ferris and William Wade.

558. Mr. Wade was the petitioner?—No; I was the petitioner myself.

559. It was a local election?—Yes.

560. It was to pay of the indebtedness in regard to the litigation?—Yes.

561. How was the money raised to pay for the litigation?—It was raised by the notes endorsed by so many from the different Townships—Seymour and other Townships.

562. Can you say by whom it was endorsed?
Counsel objected.

By Mr. Barron :

563. Do you remember whose names were on the notes?—I do not.

By Mr. Mulock :

564. That note was paid?—No, that note was taken up and others taken in its place.

565. That is the first note?—Yes.

566. How many were on it?—I think about twenty.

567. Who paid the first note?—It was paid by giving a renewal of other notes, one township took one and another another, and some would be taken by a village and township together.

568. What became of the note that was taken up?—I cannot tell you that.

569. Who took it up?—James Ireland and Joseph Pilkey.

570. They took up the note?—Yes.

By Mr. German :

571. There were several notes, but one was the original. Can you say how much the original was for?—\$1,000.

572. How many notes were given to retire this note?—I believe there were three.

573. Who was the holder of the original note?—W. W. Webb.

574. What became of that?—I do not know.

575. What was done with the three notes that were given to take up that note?
—I do not know.

576. Were those three notes given to Webb or taken to the bank?—Some were given to Webb. I think the one by Joseph Pilkey and James Ireland.

577. Which was put in the bank?—The one by W. L. Payne, Willoughby and William Pickworth.

578. Webb had the other two?—Yes.

579. Were you on the note in the bank?—No.

580. Has that note in the bank been paid?—Yes.

581. Was Edward Cochrane on that note?—(Mr. Osler objected.) I understand he was.

582. How much was that note for?—I do not know.

By Mr. Mulock :

583. Was one of the small notes taken up?—Yes.

584. Is that the note you refer to when you say Mr. Cochrane's name was on it?
—I do not know. I only think it was.

Mr. Osler asked that the answer of witness respecting Mr. Cochrane's name on the note be struck out.

The request was not granted.

By Mr. Barron :

585. Then you saw Mr. Hedley Simpson?—Yes.

586. In regard to what?—I asked him if he could not pay something towards the indebtedness of the party.

587. That was before he got the appointment?—I told him that the committee had recommended him.

588. That is appointment of Keeper of Presqu' Isle lighthouse?—Yes.

589. That was before he had paid any money to you?—Yes.

590. Or given you any notes?—Yes.

591. Would the committee have recommended him but for his paying the money or giving the notes?—They recommended him before they knew anything about his giving notes or money.

592. They had decided on him?—Yes.

593. When they were decided, was there any talk about getting any money from him?—No.

594. None at all?—No.

595. The committee decided upon these appointments without any conversation with regard to getting money from them?—No; none at all.

596. When did the committee decide about getting money?—It was not arranged by the committee. They asked me if I could not raise money to pay off this indebtedness. There was nothing said about the amount at all in the Committee room.

597. A conversation to that extent took place at the committee meeting?—Yes.

598. In pursuance of that you saw Mr. Simpson?—Yes.

599. Had you any conversation at the time with Mr. Cochrane in regard to Mr. Simpson getting the appointment?—Nothing at all; only to tell him that the committee had recommended him. That was before I saw Hedley Simpson. I told him the committee had recommended Simpson.

600. What did he say?—He said all right; it was not his appointment, it was the committee's.

601. Did you tell Mr. Cochrane that the committee had decided to ask Mr. Simpson for money?—No.

602. Never hinted at it?—No.

603. Did you ever at any time have any conversation with Mr. Cochrane in regard to how this indebtedness, you speak of, was going to be paid off?—It was talked of at a convention at Warkworth, and some of the committee said it was right to ask some of these parties for money.

604. Was Mr. Cochrane present?—I do not think he was.

605. That was talked of at a convention of the party?—Yes.

606. The money was to be given in consideration of what?—Of their own free will.

By Mr. Barron :

607. You were to ask people who were to get offices to contribute, and if they did not get the offices their money was to go back to them?—I did not say that.

608. But you gave one man his money back?—Yes.

609. Who was that man?—Vanalstine.

610. Because he did not get the appointment, the money was given back to him?—It was not because of that.

611. But he did not get the appointment?—No.

612. And you gave him the \$150 back?—Yes.

613. And you kept the money of the men who got the appointment?—Yes.

614. You went to see Hedley Simpson?—No, he came to see me.

615. Did you send for him?—I think I sent word for him to come and see me.

616. You sent word by whom?—I do not know but what it was his brother.

617. What is his brother's name?—Herbert, I think; I am not certain.

618. Was it not Walter Simpson?—I do not think so.

619. How many brothers has he got?—He has only got one.

620. What messages did you send by Herbert?—I told him to tell him to come over, as I wanted to see him.

621. Is that all?—That was all.

622. Did you tell Herbert any thing about getting money from Hedley?—No, I never mentioned anything about that.

623. You never mentioned that?—No.

624. At that time did you know that Hedley Simpson had a petition in circulation to get the appointment?—I do not know if he had or not. If he had, I signed it.

625. You do not remember whether you did?—I may have done so; I do not remember.

626. Do you remember if you had any conversation with Mr. Cochrane about that petition?—I do not remember that I had. I may have had, but I do not remember.

627. Hedley Simpson came to you, did he?—Yes.

628. Because you sent for him?—Yes.

629. What took place when Hedley came to you?—I told him that the committee had recommended him, to give him the lighthouse.

630. What else?—That was all.

631. But there was something else?—Just the same as I have said it was.

632. What did you say before?—I asked him what he could afford to give towards paying off the indebtedness of the party.

633. You told him the committee had recommended him for the position and asked him what he could afford to give towards paying off the indebtedness of the party?—Yes.

634. Well, what did he say?—He said he would give \$200.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron):

635. Did you tell Hedley Simpson that you had been talking to Mr. Cochrane about it?—I do not think so. I do not know; I may have done so.

By Mr. Barron:

636. Try and refresh your memory about the matter?—It is so long since.

637. Hedley Simpson came up, I suppose, to your hotel?—Most likely.

638. Did you have any conversation with Hedley Simpson, tell him you had seen Mr. Cochrane in regard to the appointment, and that he had agreed to get him the appointment?—I do not remember whether I did or did not.

639. Try and think if you did?—I do not think I did.

640. Are you quite sure?—I am not sure.

641. Think again? Did you not at that time tell Hedley Simpson that you had seen Mr. Cochrane?—I do not think I did, to the best of my knowledge.

642. You won't say that you did not?—To the best of my knowledge I did not.

643. At that time you asked Hedley how much he could give?—I asked him how much he could afford to give towards paying off the indebtedness of the party.

644. If he got the appointment?—No; I did not say that.

645. How much did he say he could give?—He said he would give \$200 willingly if he had it.

By Mr. Mulock:

646. If he had what?—If he had the money.

By Mr. Barron:

647. This was before he got the appointment?—It was after he got the recommendation.

648. But before he got the appointment from the Government?—Yes.

649. Before he got the appointment you asked him how much he could afford to give, he having been recommended by the committee?—Yes.

650. How much did he say he could give?—He said he would willingly give \$200.

651. If what; if he had it?—Yes; if he had it.

652. You knew he had not got it?—I did not know until he told me.

653. What did you say then when he told you that?—He asked me if I knew anyone from whom he could borrow the money. I told him I would lend it to him myself.

654. Upon getting what?—Upon getting nothing.

655. Yes, but you would want some security. You would lend it to him upon his furnishing some security?—Yes; if he got his uncle to back him. He said he would get his uncle to back one note, and he asked me if I would take his note for the other. I told him, yes.

656. Did you yourself suggest that his uncle should endorse the note?—No, he suggested it himself.

657. What was the uncle's name?—Darius.

658. Did you see Darius Simpson about it?—No.

659. You never had any conversation with Darius?—No.

660. Nor with Caleb Simpson?—No. I do not think I have ever spoken to Darius Simpson in my life. I do not know as I have.

661. Hedley Simpson gave you the notes?—Yes.

662. Did he bring them to you or did you go to him?—He brought them to me.

663. How long after this conversation was it that he brought them?—About a week perhaps. It may have been the next day; I cannot remember.

664. What did you do when he brought you the notes?—I gave him the \$200 in cash.

665. Is that all that took place?—How do you mean?

666. Is that all that occurred at that time?—No.

667. What took place further?—He wanted to know where he should place the \$200. My rig was there and I told him to get in and we would go to Colborne, where he deposited the money in the Standard Bank, I understood the note was there.

668. You went to the Standard Bank at Colborne to deposit the money?—Yes.

669. You understood the note was there?—Yes.

670. What was that note?—It was the note that was given by Mr. Wade and W. L. Payne and Pickworth. I believe that was it. I did not see them sign the note.

671. Who else signed the note?—I do not know, I did not see any of them sign the paper.

672. But there was a note there anyway made by some people, which was to be either taken up or paid by this \$200?—It was to be endorsed on the note.

673. The \$200 was to be endorsed on the note in the Standard Bank at Colborne?—Yes.

674. About what time of the year did this take place?—I could not tell you.

675. Was it in the spring or the fall?—I think it must have been in the spring; I am not certain.

676. In the spring of 1888?—It must have been.

By Mr. Mulock :

677. Before the Government appointed Hedley?—Yes, he was still in the lighthouse at the time.

By Mr. Barron :

678. But at that time he had not been appointed?—No.

679. He was just acting in the place of his father?—Yes.

680. When you went to Colborne with the money, what occurred?—We went to the Standard Bank, and it was closed.

681. Well, go on?—From there we went to W. L. Payne's office to give it to him, but he was away. Then we went to the post-office, so that it might be paid into the Standard Bank the next morning.

682. With whom did you leave it the next morning?—With the postmaster.

683. What is his name?—Mr. Cochrane.

684. A brother of Mr. Cochrane, the member?—No, a nephew.

685. Well, then, after that Mr. Hedley Simpson got the appointment?—Yes, I believe so.

686. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane in regard to his getting the appointment?—No, I don't think it.

687. Are you quite sure about it?—I don't think it. I think it was the committee themselves.

688. You say that you had no conversation after that with Mr. Cochrane?—I may have done so. I am not certain about it, because I am often talking with him; but I am not certain.

689. You may have talked with Mr. Cochrane, the member, after that?—I may have.

690. You say you are frequently talking with him?—Yes, sir; he is often in the hotel.

691. And you say you cannot recollect any conversation about it with him, in regard to Hedley Simpson being appointed?—I do not at present. I cannot think of it.

692. Well, if you cannot at present, when can you?—It is some time since. I cannot remember the conversation taking place.

693. Then how did Mr. Simpson come to be appointed?—Well, he was recommended by the committee.

694. To whom did the committee recommend Mr. Simpson?—I suppose to Mr. Cochrane.

695. How did this recommendation come from the committee to Mr. Cochrane?—Verbally, I suppose.

696. Then if verbally, who talked?—Mr. Cochrane happened to be in town, I suppose, and they told him.

697. Who told him?—The committee.

698. The committee, composed of four or five people, were speaking at once?—Each one of the committee saw him separately, I suppose.

699. And you are one of them?—Yes.

700. And you did see Mr. Cochrane in regard to the matter?—I have seen him; I saw him two or three times a week.

701. Then you think now you did see Mr. Cochrane, as one of the committee?—I say I may have done so; I may have had a conversation, but that was all.

702. But you think you did see him in regard to the appointment of Mr. Hedley Simpson, after all this money was paid?—I don't know whether it was before or after.

703. But at all events, either before or after, you did see Mr. Cochrane?—Yes; I may have seen him before or after, but I don't know.

704. What was the conversation with Mr. Cochrane?—I cannot tell.

705. You cannot remember?—No.

By Mr. Mulock :

706. You told him everything of any consequence?—I cannot tell you anything about it now; I don't remember.

707. You told him about the recommendation of the committee?—It is most likely.

708. You told him the decision of the committee?—It is most likely; but I cannot remember.

By Mr. Barron :

709. I understood you to say you had told Mr. Cochrane the recommendation of the committee?—I do not know; I may have done it.

710. You cannot recollect that?—No; I cannot recollect.

711. However, you do recollect that either before or after Mr. Hedley Simpson paid this money you had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane?—Yes; I had a conversation either before or after.

712. Do you, or do you not, recollect having a conversation with Mr. Cochrane either before or after?—I do not remember.

713. You do not remember it at all?—I may have had a conversation both before and after, because he is in and out of the hotel two or three times a week; he comes around for his meals.

714. Did Mr. Cochrane know anything about the payment of this money?—I don't think he did at the time.

715. Well, when did he?—I think it was some time after.

716. How long after?—I cannot tell you.

717. How did he come to know it?—I don't know but what I told him myself.
 718. You might have told him yourself?—I think I did.
 719. You think you told him yourself this money was paid—I think it is most likely.
 720. How long afterwards?—I cannot tell you.
 721. Before the appointment was made?—I cannot tell you whether it was before or after.
 722. But you do remember now, that you had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane, and Mr. Cochrane knew from you that the \$200.00 were paid?—I don't say that. I say I may have had before or after; I don't remember.
 723. You have said you knew Wm. Mason?—Yes.
 724. Do you know whether or not, Wm. Mason was asked to give \$150?—I don't know.
 725. Just try and think whether or not, Wm. Mason was asked to give \$150? Mr. Osler objected.
 WITNESS.—I don't remember.

The Committee then took recess.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd September, 1891.

The Committee resumed at 2.30 o'clock p.m.—MR. TISDALE in the Chair.

Examination of JAMES STANLEY, continued :—

By Mr. Barron :

726. I think I asked you if you know Wm. Mason?—Yes, I do.
 727. Did you get any money from him?—No, sir.
 728. Do you know whether he gave any money or not?—I don't know that.
 729. Do you know John D. Clouston?—Yes.
 730. What position has he got?—Bridge tender.
 731. Did he pay any money?—I cannot tell you, not to my knowledge. I don't remember his paying it.
 732. You say not to your knowledge. Did he give you any notes, or anything?—Not any.
 733. Nor anything at all in the way of value?—No.
 734. Do you know of his having given to anybody?—I don't know.
 735. You never heard that?—No, I did not.
 736. Do you know Wm. Johnson?—I do.
 737. When did you last see Wm. Johnson?—I have not seen Wm. Johnson for over a year.
 738. You don't know whether he has gone away or not?—I don't.
 739. What position has he got?—I think one of the bridges.
 740. Did he ever pay you any money?—I don't think so.
 741. You say you don't think so. Surely you would know if he had paid you any money?—I don't think he did; I won't swear to it.
 742. You say you won't swear?—I will swear he did not.
 743. Did he give you anything at all of value?—No, nothing at all.
 744. Did he give you a promissory note?—No, he did not.
 745. Nothing of value at all?—No, sir.
 746. Do you know Wm. Brown?—Yes.
 747. Did he give you anything?—Not anything. He offered me, but I did not accept it.
 748. What position does he hold?—One of the bridges.
 749. You say he offered you some money?—He came to find me, and he could not find me, then he went and put the money in some other one's hand.

750. He came to find you?—I think so.

By the Chairman :

751. Do you know anything about it?—I do not.

By Mr. Barron :

752. You know D. C. Bullock?—Yes.

753. Did he give him anything?—Not to my knowledge.

754. Who is Mr. Bullock?—He is a grocer.

755. Is he one of the committee?—He was one of the committee.

756. And as one of the committee, you say you do not know whether Mr. William Brown gave D. C. Bullock any money or not?—Not to my knowledge.

757. Do you know whether he gave him any or not?—Not to my knowledge.

758. What do you mean by not to your knowledge?—I don't know.

759. Did you ever hear he did?—I did not.

760. Do you know Robert May?—Yes.

761. What position does he hold?—I think he is foreman on the works, or some thing of that kind.

762. On the canal?—On the tow path, or something of that sort.

763. Do you know when he was appointed?—I do not.

764. Did the Committee recommend this appointment?—No, they did not.

765. Did the Committee recommend John D. Clouston's appointment?—I think they did.

766. And did the Committee recommend William Johnson's?—I forget now, I don't remember all of them. I cannot tell you all their names.

767. Did they recommend William Brown?—I believe they did.

768. And you say William Brown came to you, but you did not see him?—I understood he did, but I don't know.

769. Whom did you understand that from?—I could not tell you that either.

770. Robert May, was he recommended by the Committee?—Not to my knowledge.

771. Well, who was he recommended by?—I don't know I am sure. I cannot tell.

772. Did he get some work on that canal?—Yes.

773. From the Government?—I don't know whether it was from the Government.

774. Did he give anything to you?—No, he did not.

775. Did he give anything to anybody?—Not to my knowledge.

776. Do you know Henry May?—Yes, I do.

777. What position does he hold?—One of the bridges.

778. By that I suppose is meant a bridge keeper or bridge tender?—He attends a bridge.

779. Was he recommended by the Committee?—I believe he was.

780. Did he pay you any money?—No, he did not.

781. Did he pay anybody any money?—I don't know; I could not say.

782. Did you ever hear that he did?—I could not say now; I think he paid someone.

783. Who was that someone?—Well, I think it was very well known, it was Mr. Pilkey and Mr. Ireland.

Mr. OSLER—Don't give hearsay evidence please.

By Mr. Barron :

784. Do Mr. Pilkey and Mr. Ireland belong to the Committee?—No, they do not.

785. What are their christian names?—James Ireland and Joseph Pilkey.

786. As one of the committee I ask you whether Henry May gave any money to Mr. Pilkey or Mr. Ireland?—Not to my knowledge.

787. Who told you he did?—Well, I cannot say that.

788. You do not recollect who told?—No.

789. But you were told by somebody?—Yes, somebody said it.

790. Somebody did tell you that Henry May had paid out, how much?

Mr. OSLER—This is objectionable.

By Mr. Barron:

791. Do you know, Mr. Stanley, whether Mr. Clouston, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Robert May or Mr. Henry May gave any notes or any value at any time for the appointments they received?—I do not know anything about them.

792. Anything to help on the good cause?—I do not know anything about them.

793. Now, did you receive from any other person who was to be appointed as a bridge keeper or to any other office. Did you receive any money from any other person except those you have mentioned?—I might have done so but I forget. I cannot swear to these facts, I kept no memorandum of the transaction.

794. Will you tell me again who gave you money?—Thomas Fitzgerald.

795. William Simpson did not?—No.

796. Vanalstine did?—Yes, but I gave it to him back.

797. Philip Lawson?—I could not say.

798. Hedley Simpson?—Yes. That is the two hundred.

799. You got two hundred from Hedley Simpson and one hundred and fifty from Thomas Fitzgerald? Will you swear that this was all that you got?—I don't want to say that. I collected on different occasions, I forget who gave to me. Some might have given me \$25.

800. The person who gave the \$25 would not get an appointment?—No.

801. I am referring to these appointments?—That is all.

802. \$350 all together?—Yes.

803. You were at Brighton last Friday and Saturday?—Yes.

804. Did Mr. Cochrane go down to your hotel on either of the days?—He was in, I believe, on Friday evening last.

805. On Friday evening last?—Yes.

806. Did he talk to you at all about these charges that were going to be investigated?—No, he never said a word to me about them, he knew that I knew all about them.

807. Was he in on Saturday?—I believe he was, on Saturday.

808. Did he say anything on Saturday with regard to them?—No, he never spoke to me about them. I told him "I hear they are going to haul you over the coals."

809. What did he say to that?—He said "I suppose so."

810. Was Hedley Simpson there?—I could not say whether he was or not.

811. Either on the Friday or on the Saturday?—I could not say whether he was or not.

812. Was Arundel Simpson there?—I do not know, I could not say.

813. You did not see him talking to Mr. Cochrane?—No, I did not see him.

814. Nor Snetsinger?—No.

815. Nor Herbert Simpson?—I did not.

816. Do you know why Obadiah Simpson is not here?—The reason why is this. He was down at the railway station when we left, and he said he had no funds to come with.

By Mr. Mulock:

817. Is that likely to be the case?—Yes.

818. You think it is the real reason for his not being here?—Yes.

819. He went to the station to see you off?—Yes.

820. Now Mr. Stanley, how was that Committee, that you have referred to, created?—It was the leading one in the conservative party. It was suggested in

the convention that the appointments should go through the leading ones of the party, and the members agreed to it in the convention and signed a letter to that effect.

821. This Committee was appointed at the instigation of the convention?—Yes, it was in that way.

822. On the advice of the convention?—Yes; it was some of the leading ones—Vice-presidents and so on.

823. How did they choose the individual members of the Committee?—Some of the working members.

824. They were picked out in the Convention?—Yes.

825. The members of the Committee were chosen by the convention?—Yes.

826. What year was this?—I cannot tell you what year.

827. How long ago?—I think it was two years ago or more.

828. You are not sure of the date?—I have got an idea it was two years ago.

829. And this same Committee has continued in office ever since?—Yes.

830. And they have exercised this power—this power of recommendation that you have referred to?—Yes.

831. Do you remember the first recommendation to office that they made?—I think it was Hedley Simpson.

832. That was their first recommendation?—Yes.

833. How many are on this Committee altogether?—Six or seven, I forget which.

834. There were some 6 or 7 originally on this committee?—Yes.

835. Did you say one had died?—Yes.

836. Who was that?—Major Adam Webb.

837. The others are still living?—Yes.

838. So that the committee now consists of 5 or 6 members?—Yes.

839. The first official recommendation of the committee, was that of Hedley Simpson?—Yes, sir.

840. Did you keep a minute of the proceedings of that committee?—No, sir.

841. It is all verbal?—Verbal, yes sir.

842. Why did you not keep a record of your proceedings?—It was not worth while.

843. Minutes are sometimes objectionable?—I do not know that they are.

844. The first official act you did was to recommend Hedley Simpson to the office of light-keeper at Pre-qu'Isle?—Yes.

845. You remember the day the committee decided on that?—I do not.

846. How long had his name been before the committee before it was decided to recommend him for the appointment?—I could not say that.

847. Did you have a regular meeting to decide, or was it an informal meeting?—The meeting was called amongst the five or six. I could not say who was there.

848. Did they all reside in one place?—Oh no. It was in Bullock's place.

849. I mean, did they reside in different parts of the Riding?—Oh, yes, one lived in the township of Murray—

850. Oh, never mind where they lived. All I want to know is if they reside in different places?—Yes.

851. Who sent the notices calling the meeting?—There was a verbal notice sent by different parties telling them they were wanted.

852. Did you tell them to come at once?—No, it was about a week ahead.

853. You had several meetings over these recommendations?—Yes.

854. Who would fix the day, the meetings were to be held?—I do not know, some one would fix the day.

855. Some one would fix the day and you would send the word round?—Yes, verbally.

856. The first meeting took place at Bullock's store?—I believe it was there.

857. And there you recommended first of all Hedley Simpson?—Yes.

858. Whom else did you recommend at that time?—No one.

859. That was the only work the committee did that day?—Yes.
860. You do not remember the day the meeting was held?—No.
861. Was it the day or night?—It was at night. They were all night meetings.
862. In the dark?—No, in the light.
863. After the recommendations were made what was decided as to the way they should be communicated to the various persons interested?—I sent different ones that would be going their way to tell them I wanted to see them.
864. Whom did you say you wanted to see?—Different ones; those who wanted get appointments on the different bridges.
865. Well, trace out Hedley Simpson's case first?—I could not say whom I sent to him. I sent somebody.
866. You sent somebody to bring Hedley Simpson to you?—Yes.
867. Why did you want Hedley Simpson to come to you?—I wanted to tell him the committee's decision?
868. Did the committee agree that he should pay \$200?—No; they did not agree to that at all.
869. What amount did they name?—They did not name any at all.
870. Did they refer to any amount?—No, they did not.
871. Did they leave that to you?—Yes, they knew a certain amount had to be paid.
872. They left it to you to make the best bargain?—No, it was not a bargain.
873. You were to use your best persuasive powers I suppose. At this meeting there was talk that you were to solicit something from him?—No. There was nothing said.
874. Was it said at the meeting about his contributing voluntarily?—If I am not mistaken I do not think it was mentioned at the committee meeting. They had asked me before to receive the funds to pay off the old indebtedness.
875. Who asked you?—The matter came up at the convention and they asked me when I was there. I told them I would do the best I could.
876. The committee meeting took place after that?—Yes.
877. At this committee meeting did you talk further about this old note?—I do not think so.
878. Well, you sent for Hedley Simpson and communicated to him the decision of the committee?—I think I must have done so.
879. Then took place the conversation about the contribution that you have described?—I told him he had got the appointment.
880. He had not got the appointment?—Well the recommendation of the committee.
881. You did not think the recommendation of the committee really settled it?—I thought so.
882. You knew there was something further than that. You knew you had to get the recommendation of your member and the appointment by the Government?—I suppose there had to be a recommendation to the Government.
883. You knew the form that it had to go through?—Yes.
884. There had to be the favourable recommendation of your representative, and the real appointment by the Government?—Yes.
885. So that what you speak of was rather the recommendation of the Committee than the appointment?—I suppose it should be put in that way.
886. He knew he had not got the appointment in law?—I suppose so.
887. He knew that there were two steps to be taken, the recommendation of the member and the appointment by the Government?—I do not know whether he knew it or not.
888. Then the next transaction of the same kind by this Committee. What was the next recommendation you made?—There was a recommendation of most of the rest of them on the bridges.
889. What was the first?—They were altogether.
890. At the next meeting you disposed of a batch of them?—Yes.

891. Who was in that batch?—There was Daniel Vanalstine, there was Thomas Fitzgerald; I do not know whether there was one of the May boys there or not. There was William Brown; I cannot remember whether Clouston was there or not.

892. When you speak of one of the May boys being there, what do you mean?—He was there to hear the recommendation of the committee. He came to see what was wanted.

893. You had sent word to these people to assemble there?—Yes.

894. These various applicants, Daniel Vanalstine, Fitzgerald, Brown, May and Clouston, were present on your invitation?—These were the ones the Committee recommended, and I sent for them myself afterward.

895. Were they present at the meeting of the committee?—No.

896. Anyone of them?—Not to my knowledge.

897. I asked you to say the first person you appointed afterwards, and you gave me this list of names. The committee recommended all these?—Yes.

898. Thomas Fitzgerald was recommended and he got the office?—Yes.

899. He paid \$150 for the office of bridge-keeper?—Yes.

900. Who did he pay the money to?—To me.

901. And you applied that money how?—I put that money in the bank to my credit. I left it there until I got notice from W. L. Payne to send either the money or a draft. I forget which it was I sent.

902. What did you do with the money?—I think I sent on \$150 in money or by cheque to W. L. Payne or to the Standard Bank, I am not certain, to apply on the note in the Standard Bank.

903. Then Daniel Vanalstine did not get an office?—No.

904. He had paid \$150 under the same circumstances?—Yes.

905. And he was repaid that?—Yes, he was repaid.

906. Because he did not get the office?—There were more applicants than there was bridges for them, and we paid the money back.

907. That is curious. Then his contribution was in a sense contingent on his getting the office?—He was giving it voluntarily.

908. You did not think it fair to keep it if he did not get the office?—No.

909. You spoke of one of the May boys. What May was that?—I think it was Henry May. I forget his given name.

910. Was it Robert May?—I forget the given name. There are four or five Mays.

911. Did you have any dealings with one of the May boys about these things?—I had not.

912. Who had?—I notified them that the committee recommended them for appointment.

913. You did not have any financing with him?—No.

914. Did you tell him that you would like him to give a contribution?—No, sir, I did not.

915. Did any person have any dealing with him of this character?—I cannot say.

916. Did William Brown get a recommendation?—Yes.

917. From the committee?—Yes.

918. Was he asked to contribute?—Yes, I think he was.

919. Did he contribute?—I do not know for certain whether he did or not.

920. What was he asked to contribute?—I do not know.

921. Then the request to contribute followed the recommendation?—I suppose so.

922. That was your practice anyway?—Yes.

923. They followed the recommendation and preceded the appointment?—Yes.

924. Now about Clouston, did he get an office?—Yes.

925. Did you have any dealings with him about his giving money?—Not to my knowledge.

926. Would you be the person, or would some person else be a go-between?—I do not remember. He lived quite a distance away from me and did not come in very often.

927. You, at all events, did not collect anything from him?—No.

928. Who else did the same sort of work as you in collecting money from these people? Had you different persons in different parts of the riding?—I cannot say about that. I cannot answer that question, because I do not know.

929. Were any moneys brought in to pay off this indebtedness, except what you brought in?—I cannot say. None that I know of.

930. You simply know what you did yourself?—Yes.

931. How long after your recommendation of Mr. Hedley Simpson did you see Mr. Cochrane?—I do not know.

932. How often did you see him?—I saw him often. He came in often, although sometimes he sent in for his mail.

933. You are on confidential terms?—Sometimes.

934. You were, were you not?—Yes.

935. And still are. You are one of his right bowers?—I do not know that I am a right bower.

936. You are a strong supporter of his?—I am a conservative.

937. You are a strong supporter when it comes to a general election?—Yes.

938. Do you remember telling Mr. Hedley Simpson when you asked him for money, that the committee had recommended him and that Mr. Cochrane said it was all right?—I do not remember that.

939. Will you swear you did not tell him that?—I would not, but I do not remember it.

940. You would not swear you did not?—I do not think I did.

941. You do not think you told Mr. Simpson that Mr. Cochrane said it was all right?—No.

By Mr. Barron :

942. Was Mr. Cochrane aware of the existence of this committee?—I do not know whether he was or not. I cannot say that he was.

943. Are you sure of that?—I am not sure.

By Mr. Mulock :

944. You have just said you told Mr. Cochrane what was done?—I did not.

945. That the recommendations of this Committee were communicated to him?—I said they might have been.

946. You said you did tell Mr. Cochrane?—I may have done so.

947. You told the committee that you had recommended Mr. Hedley Simpson and that you had told Mr. Cochrane of it. Do you remember Mr. Cochrane telling you when you reported to him, that the committee had recommended Mr. Hedley Simpson, that Mr. Cochrane replied that it was all right?—I do not remember that I did.

By Mr. Barron :

948. You did tell Mr. Cochrane, as a matter of fact, that the Committee had made recommendations from time to time?—I think most likely. It might have been a week after.

949. Within a week you did tell Mr. Cochrane what the committee had done?—I may have done so. I think Mr. Cochrane was in Ottawa at the time of the meetings.

950. You said something about his being in during the week and you may have told him?—I don't know. I won't say. I may have done so.

951. What time of the year was it?—I forget now.

By Mr. Osler :

952. What was this party debt you were collecting for?—I think it was in the neighbourhood of \$1,700 altogether.

953. How had it been incurred?—By the protest between James F. Ferris and William Wade.

954. A protest between James F. Ferris and William Wade in the Local Elections?—Yes.

955. And this was the party debt arising from that election contest?—Yes.

956. And that was the debt you were engaged in collecting?—Yes.

957. Are the ridings of East Northumberland for the Commons and for the Local House co-terminous? Are they identical?—They are the same townships.

958. They are the same?—They are all the same; there are five townships.

959. And they are the same for the Commons and for the Local House?—Yes.

960. And you had one association for both?—Yes, sir.

961. And this committee was appointed from some convention?—Yes, the convention at Warkworth.

962. At what date, do you remember?—I don't know the date.

963. How long has this debt been carried?—I cannot tell you exactly the number of years.

964. It is said since 1883. You know Mr. Ferris has been out of Parliament for some time—two parliaments, I think?—Yes. I think it must be about ten years ago.

965. It is said to be eight years ago?—Eight or ten years ago.

966. And the debt had been carried all along?—From year to year.

967. This debt had nothing to do with the election expenses, or contests, of Mr. Cochrane at all?—Nothing at all.

968. Not at all?—Not at all.

969. Those had been provided for otherwise?—Yes.

970. From different sources?—Yes.

971. There had been contests and trial sittings in the Commons election?—Yes.

972. But this debt was something connected with the Local elections, and the Local elections only?—The Local only.

973. You seem to have had some special charge of collecting from those who were willing to pay to meet this debt?—Yes. I collected throughout the riding for the protest. In the first place the convention appointed me to try and collect for the protest right through.

974. Were you personally interested also?—Well, I was.

975. Were you petitioner?—I was petitioner.

976. And whatever the responsibility of petitioner was, in the original contest, you bore it?—Yes.

977. And did the fact that you were petitioner interest you more than otherwise?—Well, it interested me in this way: I wanted to see the debt wiped off.

978. And how long had you been collecting?—Oh, I was collecting for years; at every convention we had to pay.

979. You were the hat carrier?—Yes.

980. And in pursuit of your business were you particular in getting subscriptions?—I tried to get them.

981. How did this committee undertake to deal with the patronage—What authority had they for taking it up?—It was during the convention. They had authority too of appointing; to try and do good to the party; not to injure the party, but to get the most popular appointments we could.

982. The idea was to get as popular appointments as you could, and not to injure the party in a distribution of patronage?—Yes.

983. How would that be left to the convention?—Well, I don't know. It may have been by resolution or something of that sort; I am not certain.

984. The convention moved some resolution?—I think so.

985. Referring the question of patronage to whom?—To the committee.

986. And did I understand you to say the committee were vice-presidents from the different townships?—I think there were one or two of them.

987. Township vice-presidents?—Or had been.

988. They were the workers of the party?—Yes.

989. And then the convention undertook to see that the patronage was not a source of weakness, but of strength?—Yes; that is the meaning of it.

990. And it was in pursuance of that, that the committee took up the appointment of lighthouse keeper?—Yes.

991. And concluded that Hedley should be appointed?—Yes.

992. Now, at that committee meeting, when the committee came to the conclusion to recommend the appointment of Hedley, did you discuss the question of his paying any money?—Not at the committee, they left that to me.

993. What did they leave to you?—They told me I had better try and raise funds to wipe off the indebtedness of the party, if I could.

994. Was anything said as to the amount Hedley should pay, or anything of that sort?—No; there was nothing of that sort said.

995. Then was the recommendation of the committee conditional or unconditional, as to the appointment of Hedley Simpson?—It was decided that he should have the appointment.

996. It was decided he should have the appointment without any conditions?—Yes.

997. Then the decision having been arrived at by the committee, that he should have the appointment, without any condition, you undertook the work of collecting money?—Yes.

998. And did you put that to him as conditional?—Yes; I put it to him. I asked him what he would give of his own free will.

999. In that way you got the subscription?—Yes.

1000. Now, did Mr. Cochrane know anything of that up to that time?—No; he did not.

1001. Did he know you were going to ask, or that the Committee were going to ask for any money?—No; he did not until after I got it, and paid it into the Bank.

1002. Not until after you got the money and paid it into the Bank, did he know anything about it?—No; he did not.

1003. After he did know anything about it, what did he know?—I just told him Hedley Simpson had given me \$200 just to wipe off the old debt to the Bank.

1004. Did you tell him it was a condition of the recommendation of the Committee, or anything of the sort?—I told him that the Committee had agreed.

1005. To his appointment?—Yes.

1006. But what did you tell him about the condition on which the money had been paid?—Oh, there were no conditions, I did not tell him any thing about conditions. I did not tell him anything about conditions.

1007. Then we have heard the story of this money now. Can you bring to your mind about when this was?—I cannot—I cannot recollect.

1008. Can you bring to mind relatively as to when the appointment was made?—I cannot.

1009. Now, if you were to appoint a lighthouse keeper—if you had the patronage there, who would you think would be the most likely man—the most proper man to appoint under all the circumstances?—I think that the appointment that was made would be the best.

1010. Now, then, how long after that was it when you had another meeting, when the question of settling the applications for the bridges came out, and the matter of how many bridges there were was discussed?—I could not tell you.

1011. And you found that there were not bridges to go round?—I could not tell.

1012. About how long after was this?—I cannot say.

1013. You considered all the names and you concluded to make the recommendations?—Yes.

1014. Now, was there any conditions attached to the recommendations that you were making?—No, no conditions

1015. The recommendations, so far as the Committee were concerned were unconditional.—Yes.

1016. You have mentioned that you undertook to try to collect something and succeeded?—Yes.

1017. You said that the amount was \$350, would that be employed to wipe out the old debt?—Yes, I believe so.

1018. Did Mr. Lawson receive an appointment?—No, Mr. Lawson did not receive an appointment.

1019. Well, how could you recollect whether you got any money from Mr. Lawson or not?—Well, he might have given something towards the subscriptions. There have been several who gave that were not appointed to any position.

1020. Somebody had to pay the debt?—Yes.

1021. Did you keep any book or anything of the kind to show what you received?—No, I did not.

1022. You just, when you got it, paid it out, and there is no account of it?—Yes.

1023. Now, at the committee where the bridge-tenders were recommended, were any other members of the committee delegated to collect?—No, I do not think there were, but there might have been.

1024. Did Mr. Cochrane know that you were collecting or getting any money from the parties recommended for the bridges?—I do not know whether he did or not. If he did, he did not know until the parties were all appointed.

1025. Did he know it from you?—No, he did not.

1026. Was Mr. Cochrane present at any of these Committee meetings?—He was not.

1027. Was he a member of the Committee?—He was not.

By Mr. Barron :

1028. You say that Mr. Cochrane was not a member of the Committee?—No, he was never present.

1029. Was he a member of the convention?—I cannot say that, I believe he was.

1030. Were you never present at any of the conventions at which you saw him there?—I think he was there.

1031. He was present at some of the meetings?—Yes.

1032. But you cannot say whether he was present at the convention when this committee was appointed?—I am pretty well sure that he was not.

1033. Did he know anything about the convention appointing this Committee?—I do not know.

1034. When the convention appointed the Committee, did they name the Committee?—I do not understand you.

1035. Did they mention the names of the Committee?—No, I do not think they did. I am not quite certain about that, I was not in all the time.

1036. However, as the result of the Conservative Convention this Committee was appointed?—Yes.

1037. I suppose it was generally known that the Committee was appointed by the Convention?—I do not know that.

1038. It would be almost a public act, there are a great many people at the conventions?—Sometimes there are only a few.

1039. At this particular convention when the Committee was appointed, were there many people present?—I do not think there were many.

1040. You did tell Mr. Cochrane that Hedley Simpson gave \$200?—Yes.

1041. How long after this was it?—I do not know.

1042. Would it be a week?—It might.

1043. Would it be more than a week?—It might be a week or it might be more, it might be six weeks.

1044. How long after the Committee's recommendation was Hedley Simpson appointed?—I do not know that.

1045. Can you give us the date—the time the Committee decided that Hedley Simpson was to be recommended?—I could not give you that.

1046. You don't know anything of that, but you do know that you told Mr. Cochrane that Simpson had given \$200?—Yes, when he had given it.

1047. You say that all the recommendations were unconditional?—Yes.

1048. How does this accord with the fact that you returned Vanalstine's money?—I cannot tell.

1049. You say that the party debt, the result of this litigation between Wade and Ferris, was about \$1,700?—Yes.

1050. How was this \$1,700 made up—I mean how was it paid?—\$1,000 was paid in one note given into the Standard Bank and the other two were given to Mr. Webb.

1051. After the \$1,000 there were \$700. How was that made up?—I do not know how that was made up. I think I gave somewhere about \$450 out of the \$1,000. I had received out of the Bank \$400 odd to settle it and the remainder was a debt on the party.

1052. That would leave \$300?—I think that was it.

1053. How was that met; more notes?—Not to my knowledge. It was raised at different times by one way or another. The village of Brighton raised \$100.

1054. By general subscription?—Yes.

1055. There were no notes put into the bank except the \$1,000—note that you know?—That was not put in.

1056. It was given to Mr. Webb?—Yes.

1057. He is a banker?—No, sir.

1058. It was to meet that \$1,700 that these sums were paid by these different men to you?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock :

1059. You were the petitioner in another suit were you not?—Yes.

1060. In a Dominion protest?—Yes.

1061. In what year?—I cannot tell you that.

1062. It was a protest against Dr. Mallory?—Yes.

1063. When he was unseated?—Yes.

1064. His opponent on that occasion was whom?—Mr. Cochrane.

1065. He was an unsuccessful candidate in the contest?—Yes.

1066. And you were the petitioner against Dr. Mallory?—I was.

1067. What became of the costs in that case?—I think it was paid back again to the parties who subscribed.

1068. Is there anything of that unpaid?—No, sir.

1069. Was any of that unpaid at the time of these recommendations?—There was none unpaid at that time at all.

1070. None was mixed up in these transactions? You are quite sure about that?—I am sure about it.

1071. How many days elapsed, or how long a time elapsed between the meeting of the committee that recommended Hedley Simpson and your meeting Hedley?—I could not tell.

1072. Could you make a guess?—I would not like to do so.

1073. Can you tell how long a time elapsed after asking Hedley Simpson for a contribution before you got the notes?—I could not say that exactly. It might be a week or it might be more.

1074. It was not very long?—I could not tell.

1075. I suppose he was very anxious to give the notes? He would not let the grass grow under his feet?—I do not think he was very anxious.

1076. About what time elapsed?—I could not say, I do not know. I did not keep any minute. I do not remember.

1077. But have you no idea how long a time elapsed after you notified him? Before he gave you the notes?—I have not.

1078. You remember quite distinctly what you did with the money?—Yes, I remember that because I drove up with him to Colborne.

1079. You went up there the very day you got the notes?—Yes. The very day I gave him the money. He asked me what shall I do with the money, and I said, "It will be applied on the notes."

1080. Where were the notes signed?—I do not know.

1081. They were brought to you signed and endorsed?—Yes.

1082. You drew them up at first?—No, I did not.

1083. I thought they were in your writing?—No.

1084. Can you tell us how soon after you paid the money into the bank that you told Mr. Cochrane?—I know I paid the money into the bank the same day.

1085. You saw Mr. Cochrane and told him the fact?—I do not know when I saw him.

1086. How long was it after that you saw him?—I do not know.

1087. How far does Mr. Cochrane live from you?—About five miles.

1088. Were your post offices the same?—Yes, I think he gets all his mail at Brighton.

1089. Did your Committee recommend his nephew for the Postmastership at Colborne?—No; I think that was got up by petition or something.

1090. Were there any other applicants for the office that Hedley Simpson got?—I could not say that. There may have been half a dozen or a dozen.

By Mr. German:

1091. Was Philip Lawson an applicant for a bridge?—Not to my knowledge.

1092. He works on the canal?—He has a contract on the canal.

1093. He was not an applicant at all?—No.

1094. Did you advance this \$200 to Hedley Simpson?—Yes.

1095. Are you in the habit of loaning money?—No; I am not.

1096. You are not a man of much means?—No.

1097. Where did you get this \$200?—I had it in the bank to my credit.

1098. How did you come to get it in the bank? Whom did you get in from?—My wife owned a little property and when we received the rent I put it into the bank in my name.

1099. This \$200 came from that source?—Yes.

1100. It was not got from any person outside your own family?—No.

W. W. WEBB called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron:

1101. Where do you live?—Brighton.

1102. You have lived there I presume for a great many years?—Yes; for thirty years or more.

1103. Do you remember a note for a thousand dollars being taken to you to get an advance from you on it?—Yes; that was 1883. The Conservative convention met in Brighton and they were protesting Ferris' election for the Local and they wanted to raise funds, and I loaned them a thousand dollars and took a note.

1104. Who from?—A lot of them. I have a copy of the note.

By Mr. Osler:

1105. Whom did you give the note to?—I gave the note to Mr. Payne.

1106. How did you come to keep a copy?—I kept a copy in order to explain to the other parties on the note, and for my own information. That will show you how the note was taken up.

By Mr. Barron:

1107. This is a copy of the note?—Yes.

1108. Who were on that note?—Their names are all there. I do not remember the whole of them. The back will show you how it was taken up.

1109. The note is as follows :—

EXHIBIT No. 1.

\$1000.

BRIGHTON, 22nd March, 1883.

On the 1st day of October 1883 we jointly and severally promise to pay W. W. Webb at his office here the sum of one thousand dollars with interest at six per cent, for value received.

W. L. Payne,	W. A. Willoughby,
A. L. Colville,	A. C. Webb,
Thomas Wanamaker,	S. Hogg,
Charles Mills,	Henry Nix,
John Wade,	D. Ewing,
D. N. King,	William Bawden,
R. Cochrane,	Joseph Pilkey,
James F. Ireland,	James Clendinnin,
John D. Clouston,	A. A. Murphy,
C. M. Cochrane.	

The endorsements are as follows :—

“Received from Wade, Nix and King two hundred dollars on this note, this 19th January, 1886.”

“Received from A. L. Colville one hundred dollars this 19th of January, 1886.”

“Received from Pilkey and Ireland two hundred dollars this 19th of January, 1886.”

“Received from A. C. Webb and T. Wanamaker one hundred dollars this 19th of January 1886.”

“Received from D. Ewing fifty dollars this 19th of January, 1886.”

“Received from John Clouston Thirty-nine dollars on this note this 3rd day of April 1886. Gave receipt.”

“Received from W. L. Payne \$507.57, balance of the within note and interest in full up to this 8th day of December, 1886”

“Given to Gordon to collect on the 2nd of December 1886, a copy of the original note. He issued writs against Willoughby, Cochrane, Ewing and Bawden.”

1110. Who is R. Cochrane? I think he is a son of Mr. Cochrane.

1111. There is another Cochrane on that—C. M. Cochrane? I think they were both sons.

1112. Is that the way that the note has been liquidated? Yes. That note is not all paid yet. There is money still to pay. Some of the parties have given notes instead of money. I have a note here. I took a new note from Wade, Nix and King. There is a note of Pilkey and Ireland that is taken up. They are all paid except the one note of Wade, Nix and King.

1113. You say that John D. Clouston paid some of that note?—Yes.

1114. How much did he pay?—It is endorsed thirty-nine dollars.

1115. What became of Pickworth on that note?—He never was on the note.

1116. There was another note discounted I understand at the Standard Bank and some of the money from that went on this?—I suppose this money, after I sued—

1117. You sued?—Yes I sued four of the parties on that note and they raised the money, I understood, from the bank, and when Payne paid me, I understood that was from the bank.

1118. That was the large payment?—Yes, there is a memorandum when it was sued.

1119. “Given to Gordon to collect on the 2nd December 1886.” Then you sued Willoughby, Cochrane, Ewing and Bawden?—Yes.

1120. When this note was sued they raised the money and paid you off?—Yes.

1121. Where did these Cochranes' live who were on this note?—They lived in East Northumberland at that time.

1122. Who with?—I think they lived with their father.

1123. When that \$507.57 was paid, that liquidated the entire note?—Yes. That paid the note in full.

1124. Were any notes given by Hedley Simpson, left with you at any time?—No. I have notes of Hedley Simpson's, but they have no connection with this case.

1125. You had to sue Mr. Simpson?—Yes.

1126. Did he give you any reason in regard to why it was he could not pay the notes?—Well, he told me—

(Counsel objected.)

By Mr. Mulock :

1127. The are two endorsers on that note I believe, named Cochrane?—The chairman—Two makers, they are all makers.

By Mr. Barron :

1128. Did you receive any money at any time from William Brown?—Yes I received \$150.

1129. Who is this William Brown?—It is money that Brown paid me; he is one of the bridge men. The money I got from Brown is endorsed on the back of the note annexed.

1130. That is William Brown the bridge keeper?—Yes.

1131. You got \$150 from him?—Yes.

1132. Did you get any more money on that note?—Yes, I got money from Clouston

1133. Have you mentioned that?—Yes, on the back of this note.

1134. How much?—He paid me \$50 one time, and \$25 another, and I think he has paid me something that is not endorsed here but that is in my diary.

1135. That is what Mr. Clouston paid?—Yes.

1136. Who is Mr. Clouston?—He is another bridge man.

1137. Are there any other payments on that note?—No.

1138. Is the balance still due on that note?—There is a balance of \$50 still due.

1139. Now then look on the other note?—There is no other. That is the original and here is the copy.

1140. Then as I understand it, with the exception of the payments endorsed on that \$1,000 note, that is the only note you took as part payment?—Well, that is the only note that is still behind. On the day the convention met in Warkworth, on the 19th January, 1886, I took a note of Pilkey and Ireland's for part of that money, and they gave me the balance for part of it, and afterwards they took the note up.

1141. They themselves?—Yes.

1142. Pilkey and Ireland?—Yes.

1143. Are those the only sums that have been paid to you by any bridge keeper?—Yes.

1144. From Clouston and Brown?—That is all.

1145. You had \$75 from Clouston, and \$150 from Brown?—I think Clouston has paid something on this note that I did not endorse. He gave it to me one day in a hurry. There is a balance behind of a little over \$50.

1146. Did Clouston say he would pay the balance?—Yes.

1147. How much did he say that he would pay?—\$150.

1148. \$150, the same as William Brown?—Yes.

1149. How did he come to say that?

(Mr. Osler objected.)

Witness—Clouston knows what he paid.

By Mr. Osler :

1150. Give me the date of Brown's payment, please?—20th January, 1890.

By the Chairman :

1151. While you are about it, just give the dates of the two payments of Clouston's?—He paid on the 7th June, 1890, \$50, and \$25 on the 25th July, and he has paid something in '91. The balance is about \$50.

By Mr. Mulock :

1152. Who is Mr. C. M. Cochrane, one of the makers of this note?—I understood he was a son of Mr. Cochrane here, but I don't know.

Mr. Osler—He is a nephew, as a matter of fact.

By the Chairman :

1153. You don't know?—I don't know.

Mr. Mulock—Mr. Cochrane can explain that.

Mr. Cochrane—I have no son named "C. M."

Mr. Osler—You have a nephew.

Mr. Cochrane—I have a nephew.

Mr. Mulock—Who is R. Cochrane ?

Mr. Cochrane—He is my son.

By Mr. Mulock :

1154. R. Cochrane, one of the makers of this \$1,000 note, is a son of Mr. Cochrane's?—I understood so.

1155. When did Ireland and Pilkey pay the note?—They paid it a few days after it became due.

1156. When was that?—Well, the 19th January. They paid most of it in cash that day, and gave me a small note for the balance which they paid a few days afterwards.

1157. Did Pilkey get an appointment?—No, I think not.

1158. Had he some position on the canal?—He was expecting a bridge, but did not get it.

1159. And what was Ireland?—Ireland was a farmer there. He did not expect anything and did not want anything.

1160. Why did Mr. Clouston pay you \$150?—Well, he did not give me any reasons. He came and said he would pay \$150. You mean Brown, don't you.

1161. You said Clouston told you he was going to pay you \$150?—He told me that he was instructed to do so.

1162. He was instructed to pay you \$150?—Yes.

1163. When did he tell you that?—He told me that when he paid me the \$50.

1164. And when was that?—The 7th June, 1890.

1165. He came and paid you \$50 and told you he was instructed to make it \$150?—He was instructed to take a note and pay the balance of the \$150.

1166. Was he a bridge keeper?—Yes.

1167. He had got the appointment, had he?—I don't know whether he was getting it then or not—in June, 1890.

1168. Did Mr. May or any of the Mays' pay you anything?—No.

1169. They paid you nothing?—Nothing.

1170. Were you a member of the convention that appointed this committee?—No.

1171. You know nothing about the committee?—I do not.

1172. You never had any part in the appointments?—No.

1173. You do not know of the existence of the committee I suppose?—The only convention I was at, was the convention when I got the \$1,000 note.

1174. Have you ever had any conversation with Mr. Cochrane in regard to these matters?—Very little.

1175. Did you ever ask him when this note was to be paid?—I spoke to him once or twice, I guess, about a note. He said: "Hold on, do not be in too big a hurry," or something of that kind.

1176. Did he hold out any expectation of its early payment?—I knew I could get my pay, because the note was good.

1177. What did Mr. Cochrane tell you—I am speaking of the Member of Parliament?—I do not recollect that he said anything particular, only that he did not wish me to sue King and Nix. I saw he did not wish me to sue King, Wade and Nix. I think he said one day that I was not to be in any hurry, that it would be all right, that I would get the money without any trouble.

1178. When was this?—Before I sued the small note. I do not think I had any conversation with him about the big note; it was about the small note.

1179. The small note was for how much?—\$200.

1180. Who are on that note?—Wade, Nix and King.

1181. What is the date of that note?—19th January, 1886.

1182. How long had it to run?—One month after date, but it is not yet taken up.

1183. It was in reference to that note that you had the conversation with Mr. Cochrane, was it?—I think I spoke once or twice to Mr. Cochrane about it, and told him I ought to have the money, that I could get it by suing them.

1184. Mr. Cochrane was no party to it?—No.

1185. Well, why did you bother him about it then?—He was the leading man of the Conservative party.

1186. So it was a fair thing to talk to him about it?—Yes.

1187. What did Mr. Cochrane tell you when you said you wanted your note paid?—I do not recollect his telling me anything only that it would be all right after a while.

1188. Were you, as a banker, satisfied with that promise?—Yes, I was satisfied it was all right.

MR. OSLER—He is not a banker, otherwise he would charge more than 6 per cent.

WITNESS—I was favouring the party a little at that time.

By Mr. Barron:

1189. Did he tell you where the money was to come from that was to pay it?—No.

1190. Did he not give you to understand where the money would come from?—I do not think he did; I do not recollect his saying anything only that I was not to be in too great a hurry about it.

1191. Did Mr. Cochrane ever have any talk with you about that \$1,000 note?—No.

1192. He was never anxious to get that note?—That note was taken up in 1886; he never said anything to me about that note.

1193. I see that most of the payments on the note have been made by the bridge-keepers?—On the last \$200 note all the money I got was from Brown and Clouston.

1194. They are bridge men?—Yes.

1195. Did Brown tell you why he paid you?—He said he was directed to pay it. He came to me and said he wanted to give me \$150. I said, "Hold on, you do not owe me anything."

MR. OSLER.—This conversation is not evidence.

By Mr. Mulock:

1196. How much did he pay you?—\$150.

1197. Why did he pay it to you?—He said he was instructed to pay it on the Wade, Nix and King note.

1198. When was it he told you that?—The day he paid it.

1199. That was when?—On the 20th January, 1890.

1200. And the reason he gave for that—he not being liable—was—

Mr. Osler objected to the question.

1201. The reason was as you have stated?—Yes.

By Mr. Barron :

1202. When you went to Mr. Cochrane about that note, which you have in your hand now, you threatened to sue the note?—I was threatening to sue it a good many times.

1203. You threatened Mr. Cochrane that you would sue it?—I was not threatening Mr. Cochrane, because he was not on the note; I was threatening to sue the parties.

1204. When you went to Mr. Cochrane did you say, "I am going to sue this note," or did you tell him that?—I do not know whether I told him or not, but I threatened the parties on it.

1205. Why did you go to Mr. Cochrane then?—I did not go to him, I happened to meet him; I told him I was going to sue on the note, and he said, "Hold on, do not be in a hurry, you will get the money."

THOMAS FITZGERALD called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

1206. You live at The Carrying Place?—Yes.

1207. On the Murray Canal?—Yes.

1208. You paid \$150?—Yes.

1209. To whom?—Mr. Stanley.

1210. What for?—To help the party through their indebtedness for the Wade and Ferris protest. That was what I was informed. I do not know anything about it.

1211. Who informed you that?—Mr. James Stanley.

1212. And you paid the money to him?—Yes.

1213. Did you see Mr. Cochrane before that?—Yes, sir.

1214. In regard to the appointment?—Yes, sir.

1215. What was the conversation you had with Mr. Cochrane?—I only saw him once. I got a petition from a few men in the Riding and showed it to him. He said it was very good "I will give it to the Committee; I have nothing more to say. Whoever the committee picks out, will get it."

1216. That was before you were named by the committee?—I do not know. I had friends who put in the communication.

1217. That was when the petition was being got up?—Yes.

1218. Mr. Cochrane said he left matters entirely in the hands of the committee?—Yes.

1219. Then Mr. Cochrane knew of the committee?—I do not know that.

1220. Did you pay this \$150 in cash to Mr. Stanley?—Yes, in hard cash.

1221. And after that you got the appointment?—No, sir, it was before that.

1222. A little before that?—I do not know, but I was informed that I got it before. I do not know it now.

1223. When you speak of the appointment do you mean the recommendation of the Committee or by the Government?—I speak of the Committee.

1224. You had the recommendation of the Committee before you paid the \$150?—I do not know that.

1225. Do you know when you were appointed to the position of bridge keeper?—I do not know that.

1226. You cannot recollect the date?—No, sir.

1227. Can you recollect the circumstance of getting the appointment after you paid the \$150?—I do not.

1228. Was it before or after?—I do not know whether it was before or after.

1229. You know that you paid the \$150?—Yes.

1230. At the time you paid it, were you then a bridge keeper by appointment of the Government?—Certainly not. I was on the bridge, but not appointed by the Government. I had been on there for years.

1231. You had not received permanent appointment?—Not that I know of.

1232. When you paid the \$150 to Stanley you were not at that time a permanently appointed bridge keeper by the Government?—Certainly not.

1233. Did you say before that you received a promise from the Committee?—I will you tell all I know about it: I will tell it without question and answer. I was asked to go up to Brighton. I was informed by some of my friends there to make application to Mr. Cochrane. He said "I cannot make you any promise; I leave it entirely to the committee." I merely showed him the recommendations I had and he said: "They are very good, but I cannot make any promise." I walked away. I was informed to go up and see Mr. Stanley, and Mr. Stanley says, says he: "I understand from what I have heard that the Committee has picked you out as a bridge keeper on the Murray Canal, and you ought to help us on this debt, that we are under to the party." I said, "I am willing to do my part" and that is all I said. I said "When you are ready for me and want my money I will pay it." He said they had some notes to pay and that they were heavy in debt, and I said "I am a Conservative and will do my duty?"

1234. You were informed you were required to go and see Stanley?—Yes.

1235. Who informed you?—A man who was formerly hotel keeper in Brighton—Robert Clark. I know he was the man.

1236. He came and said you had to see Stanley?—He said, I was appointed by the Committee and they wanted to see me in Brighton.

1237. Did you ever talk over this matter with Mr. W. W. Webb, Justice of the Peace, in Stanley's Hotel, Brighton?—I do not know that I did. I do not know that I did or did not.

1238. Did you tell Mr. Webb that you had made an appeal direct to Mr. Cochrane, who would not consent to give you a bridge for less than \$150?—No no. He never spoke to me about the bridge or about money nor never received a shilling from me.

1239. You never had that conversation with Webb?—Not that I know of.

1240. You are positive about other matters, try and refresh your memory.—I do not think I had that conversation. I can say that, because I never spoke to Mr. Cochrane about money.

1241. Will you swear you did not tell that to Mr. Webb?—I say I do not think so.

1242. That is as far as you will go?—Because I cannot do it rightfully. I know I never spoke to him about money, nor he to me, and how could I say so.

1243. Who is this Mr. Clark who came to you?—Robert Clark. He used to be a hotel keeper in Brighton. He used to run the hotel that this man runs who was here to-day.

1244. What was your position before you were appointed?—Bridgeman on the Murray Canal.

1245. Were you always a bridgeman?—Not always. I was acting for the Company—the contractors.

1246. What was your salary from the contractors?—\$1.50 and \$1.25.

1247. It has been said that your wife is very ill and that you want to get away. Then you are a man of family?—I am.

1248. How could you manage to pay this \$150? Had you any money laid by?—I had not.

1249. How did you expect to pay it?—On my good credit.

1250. You borrowed it?—Yes, on my honour.

1251. Honour does not pay a debt?—It does with me.

1252. If you have not money it does not?—As long as I could get it.

1253. Where did you get this money?—From my wife.

1254. Had she money?—She had that money. She got it all the same. She got it out of the bank; from Stewart's Bank in Trenton.

1255. And handed it to you?—Yes; in \$5 bills, if you want to know all about it.

1256. And you handed it to Stanley?—Most decidedly so.

1257. Were you in Brighton last Friday or Saturday?—No, sir.

1258. Did you see Mr. Cochrane?—I have not spoken to that man, except to pass the time of day—I never asked for this position—only once. That, I guess, is two years ago or a year and a half ago.

1259. Did you ever tell Mr. Cochrane you had to pay \$150?—No, sir; not that I know of.

1260. Not as you know of?—No, sir. Which Cochrane do you mean?

1261. Mr. Edward Cochrane, the member?—Not as I know of, sir.

1262. In some statements you make you speak positively, whilst others you qualify, by saying “not that you know of”?—I am not trying to screen anything; I am trying to tell just what I know.

1263. Will you swear that you never had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane in which you told him you would pay \$150?—I don't think so, because I had no conversation with him, only once, and once after that I saw him. Since that I have never seen him until this day, so how could I talk with him.

1264. You are positive?—Not to my knowledge. I did not.

1265. You never told Mr. Cochrane that?—No, sir.

1266. Did you ever receive a letter from Mr. Cochrane stating that the appointment was going to you?—I don't know but what I got a letter from Mr. Cochrane.

1267. You think you did get a letter from Mr. Cochrane?—I think I did.

1268. Have you got that letter with you?—I am not certain I got it, I could not swear.

1269. I think you said you did?—I am not sure. You caught me unawares, I don't know, but what I have.

1270. You were prepared for all the rest?—Only just what I know.

1271. Had you any conversation with anybody in regard to how that money was paid over?—Yes.

1272. With whom?—Mr. Stanley.

1273. But since these proceedings have been known to the public, have you had any conversation with anybody?—Not to my knowledge.

1274. Why do you say: “Not to your knowledge”? Surely you would know?—That is what I say. I may have been talking with some one, but I don't know.

1275. Who have you been talking with?—I don't know that.

1276. Do you mean to say, you have not talked with anybody at all in regard to these matters?—I may have, but I cannot say.

1277. When did you arrive in Ottawa?—This morning, at six thirty or a quarter to seven.

1278. Who came down with you from Brighton?—I did not come from Brighton at all.

1279. Well, Colborne or from wherever you came?—I came privately, alone.

1280. Have you had any conversation with anybody at all, in regard to the evidence which was to be given here to-day?—I don't think so.

1281. Would you not remember if you had?—Certainly, I would have.

1882. Why cannot you say yes or no?—I never met anybody, but friends, and I may have talked with them. I talked day in and day out.

1283. What friends?—Common men from any place—I might meet them.

1284. Have you talked with Mr. Stanley?—No, sir; not to-day.

1285. Last night?—I did not get here until six o'clock.

1286. Then last Friday or Saturday?—No, sir.

1287. Was there any suggestion that you?—No, sir.

1288. Wait a moment?—I don't care, I know I am perfectly clear.

1289. You are prepared to say no, are you?—Yes.

1290. I was asking a question?—I have told you everything I know.

1291. Squarely and fairly, did anybody suggest to you that all these sums should be accounted for as going to the party fund?—I don't know.

1292. Did anybody do so?—I don't know, sir.

1293. Will you swear nobody did?—They might, or might not. All I tell you is, I gave this money with the intention of helping the Conservative party to pay the protest.

1294. But since these proceedings, have you had any conversation with anybody as to how the money was to be accounted for?—No, sir; not a man.

1295. You are quite sure of that?—Yes, I am certain.

1296. Again I ask you are you not sure you did get a letter from Mr. Cochrane?—I don't know but what I did. I may or may not; I won't swear positively.

1297. More than one letter?—I may have got one, but not more.

1298. What was the letter about?—Well, I don't know whether I got a letter, and I could not answer that question and tell the truth. I don't know as I got any, but it seems to me I did.

1299. You think you did get a letter?—Yes, sir.

1300. Well, after you think you did, can you think what was in it?—If there was anything in it, it must have been about my position.

1301. Then you think you did get a letter from Mr. Cochrane?—I am not certain, but it seems to me that I did.

1302. And that it was in regard to your position?—No doubt of it; yes.

1303. When was that—before or after your appointment?—After I was appointed.

1304. You got a letter, I presume, informing you that the Government had appointed you?—I think so. I am not certain of the date, but I think in my mind I got a letter from Mr. Cochrane stating something to that effect.

1305. Was there anything in that letter with regard to money being paid?—Oh, not at all. I said distinctly Mr. Cochrane never spoke to me. I never paid money to him, and he does not know anything about it. As far as I am concerned I paid this to Stanley to help the party through, and will do that to-morrow if they want help. Where I got it, is none of your business.

By Mr. Osler :

1306. How long had you been on the bridge before you got the appointment?—The season before, and part of the season before that.

1307. The bridge has been in your charge from the time it was built?—And up to date.

1308. And had they appointed another man they would have had to turn you off?—They would not do that anyway.

By Mr. German :

1309. Had you ever given any subscription to the party before this?—No, sir.

1310. This was your first?—Yes, sir.

1311. You are a political supporter and friend of Mr. Cochrane?—Well, I am a Conservative, yes.

By Mr. Barron :

1312. You say you had not given anything to the party fund before this \$150. Have you given anything since?—I don't think I have.

1313. Neither before nor since have you ever given any money to the fund?—Oh, yes, during election time I have always been a man to spend lots of money, and my own hard cash.

By the Chairman :

1314. But you never made a subscription before or since?—Oh, no, but I understood there was a subscription made in this affair and I had to put in. I put in and I am willing to help it to-morrow if they call upon me.

By Mr. Mulock :

1315. You never got appointed to an office before this?—Yes, sir.

1316. Did you or did you not?—What do you mean?

1317. An office in the gift of the Government?—Yes, sir.

1318. What one had you before?—A contract in the Bay of Quinté.

1319. What was the date of your appointment to the office of bridge keeper on the canal?—1st September last.

1320. You were appointed to that office the 1st of September?—I don't know about my appointment.

1321. I am asking you the date of your appointment to the office of bridge keeper?—I don't know at all.

1322. You were appointed bridge keeper?—I am telling you the date I was called to my work—the appointment I don't know anything about it.

1323. You entered upon your duties when?—1st September, 1890.

1324. When did you get official notice you had been appointed?—From the Superintendent about two weeks before.

1325. That was the first official notice you had had?—Yes, sir; that was the first.

1326. When did you learn that the committee had recommended you?—That would be the fall before this.

1327. Somewhere in the fall of 1889?—Yes, sir.

1328. Who told you—was it Mr. Stanley?—No, sir. Philip; I guess he is here in the House.

1329. Philip Lawson?—That is the man.

1330. Did Mr. Lawson tell you?—Yes; going by the bridge where I was doing my duty he said: "Fitzgerald, I guess you are nominated for the bridge." That is all I know about it.

1331. Who was it that asked you to pay the \$150?—Mr. Stanley. He did not ask me to pay it; he asked me to contribute to the party.

1332. When had you the conversation with Stanley about your giving the money?—Well, I do not hardly know what time that was. It was in that same season.

1333. In the fall of 1889?—Just that fall.

1334. How long was that after Lawson told you that you had got the recommendation for the office?—Maybe four weeks—something like that. He was going down to the Thousand Islands on the boat that morning when he told me.

1335. You gave your \$150 to whom?—To Mr. Stanley.

1336. Would you have given that money if you had not got the office or the promise of it?—I do not know that I would have gone quite so heavy, but I would have helped some.

1337. You would have chipped in a little?—I would have done something. He said to me: "Here, you have got the appointment and the least you can do is to help us in paying off our indebtedness." I said yes.

1338. You said that because you were getting the appointment?—No; not on getting the appointment.

1339. Mr. Cochrane would not have anything to do with the appointment?—I asked him as a member about it. He told me he had left it entirely with the committee.

1340. He would not interfere at all?—I do not know anything about that.

1341. What committee did he say he had left it to?—I do not know what committee he said, nor do I know the date of it. I was not in the room at the time.

1342. Who told you to come up and see Mr. Cochrane?—I only saw Mr. Cochrane once.

1343. You said you were asked to go up to Brighton to see Mr. Cochrane?—No, sir.

1344. What were on told to go to Brighton for?—Mr. Clark told me Mr. Stanley wanted to see me and I came up to see him.

1345. You say you saw Mr. Cochrane about the appointment?—I did once.

1346. And he referred you to the committee?—He did.

1347. And the committee made the recommendation?—I do not know that.

1348. You were told the committee made the recommendation. Lawson told you about it and Stanley told you about it and you believed it, did you not?—I did.
 1349. And you got the appointment?—Yes.
 1350. And you paid the \$150?—Yes.
 1351. You were told to apply to Mr. Cochrane for the appointment?—Yes, by my outside friends.

CHARLES LARKE called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron:

1352. Are you the Manager of the Standard Bank in Colborne?—Yes.
 1353. Do you remember Mr. Cochrane, the postmaster at Colborne, coming to you with some money to apply on a note?—I have no recollection of that.
 1354. It would be some time in the spring or towards the summer of 1888?—I have no recollection. He may have done so. That is Joseph Cochrane, the postmaster, you mean?
 1355. Evidence has been given here that money was left with Mr. Cochrane the postmaster at Colborne to pay into your bank on a note?—What was the note?
 1356. Did you discount a note for Mr. Payne or Mr. Willoughby and some others to get money that was due Mr. W. W. Webb?—When?
 1357. That would be in September, 1886?—My subpoena covers 1888, 1889 and 1890.
 1358. Have you got the note?—I have no note.
 1359. No note at all?—No. I have no notes for 1888, 1889 and 1890.
 1360. The note was paid before that?—What is the amount of the note?
 1361. We do not know that, we want to find out from you. There was a note made sometime in the year 1886, in December I think—made by Mr. Payne, Mr. Willoughby and some others?—There may have been, I did not go back as far as that, I went according to my subpoena. My subpoena says that I am “to give evidence on certain charges preferred against Edward Cochrane M.P. for East Northumberland, and to bring with you and produce a note for \$1,000 made by Dr. Willoughby, Messrs Cochrane, M.P., Payne and Pickworth, or endorsed by them or by all and any of them in 1888, 1889 or 1890, or any note and all notes negotiated or placed in the Standard Bank, Colborne, by the said parties or any of them; and all correspondence or entries in any way relating to them or any of them.”
 1362. Can you, from memory, go back of 1888, and do you recollect the circumstances of a note being discounted with you by Mr. Payne and Mr. Pickworth and Dr. Willoughby?—That subpoena goes only to 1888, 1889 and 1890. There was a note dated November 16th, 1887, term twenty days, promisors W. A. Willoughby and William Pickworth, endorsed by E. Cochrane and W. L. Payne, due December 9th, 1887, amount \$619.69.
 1363. Who is Mr. E. Cochrane?—He is the member for East Northumberland.
 1364. Is that the only note you had in your bank either before or after that, made or endorsed by these parties or any of them?—No; I think this was probably a renewal.
 1365. Of a preceding note?—Yes.
 1366. Who was it who got it renewed with you?—I cannot say now.
 1367. Perhaps I might suggest to you: was it Mr. Payne?—It might have been, I cannot say now.
 1368. Of course, that was a renewal. Was that the first or second or third renewal?—That was the last note.
 1369. Has that note been paid?—Yes.
 1370. When the notes were renewed, were they renewed for a portion and cash paid, or were they renewed for the full amount?—I cannot say; it may have been.
 1371. How was that note paid?—It was protested on December the 9th for non-payment, placed in the solicitor's hands on December 28th, and paid by the solicitor December 29th, 1889.

1372. Who is the solicitor?—W. L. Payne. He is solicitor for the Bank.

1373. Were there any moneys paid before you put it in suit on account of the note?—No, sir.

1374. Your instructions were to sue for the full amount of the note?—I placed it in his hands for collection. He sued for the face of the note. There were no part payments as far as I can see. There are no entries in our books to show part payments and I do not think there were any.

1375. I said a moment ago that the evidence here was that Mr. Cochrane, the Postmaster at Colborne, had received a sum of money, \$200, with instructions to pay it to you. Try and remember if he did pay you any money or not?—That is on another note. I cannot say here whether he did or not. I acted strictly here according to that subpoena. I think it was a renewal of another note.

1376. What was done with the proceeds of the original notes, or do you know?—I cannot say and I do not know. For instance, I cannot say who got the money. I could not say positively.

1377. Did you ever have any conversation with Mr. Cochrane with regard to that note?—Not to my recollection.

1378. Or of the note of which that is a renewal?—I cannot say positively. I think I spoke to him and said that it ought to be paid. That was during the time it was past due.

1379. That would be the extent of your conversation?—Yes.

1380. Nothing more than that?—Nothing that I know of.

1381. Did he ask you to wait and not be in a hurry?—I cannot say that.

1382. Further than you have related, you do not remember any conversation you had with Mr. Cochrane?—No.

1383. There was no other note in the bank endorsed or made by any of these parties?—Do you mean now in 1888, 1889 or 1890, according to this subpoena? Do you mean Pickworth, Cochrane, Willoughby and Payne—those four? I have no memorandum. I have a statement here (filed as Exhibit No. 2) and I find that a note was left in the bank for collection. The makers according to the books are William Pickworth and W. L. Payne.

1384. Who are the endorsers?—That is not said.

1385. What is the amount of that?—The amount there was \$482.18.

1386. From memory you cannot state who were the endorsers on the note?—No, I cannot.

1387. There were endorsers then?—Probably there were, I cannot say. There might have been.

1388. Can you find out for us, please?—I might.

1389. You had two notes?—Well, I said the \$482 note was for collection.

1390. Were there any other notes, made by these parties, left with you for collection, or discounted by you?—I don't know that I could pick out any single individual.

1391. We will say made by Mr. Pickworth and Mr. Payne, or Dr. Willoughby? Mr. OSLER.—Not their private affairs.

WITNESS: No, sir, I have no recollection of any two notes. I might give you any two on a note for instance if you come down to private business.

1392. We want to find out as much as possible?—There is nothing more than I tell you that one or two others may be on private notes in the course of business.

By the Chairman:

1393. These are the only notes any two of these gentlemen were on?—Yes, sir.

By Mr. Barron:

1394. Did you endorse any given by William Brown, or discount or receive any note given for collection?—Who is William Brown.

1395. A bridge-keeper there?—For how much?

1396. For \$150?—When?

1397. In the year 1888, it would be?—Not that I know of; I don't remember just now. I might say, I have some books here.

By Mr. Mulock :

1398. What period do they cover?—1888, 1889, 1890, and probably back to 1887-88.

1399. I wish you would make search in your books, and see for what account you received the \$200 paid to Mr. Stanley.

~~Q.~~ Mr. OSLER.—That has not been proved yet. It was paid to Joseph Cochrane.

~~A.~~ Mr. MULOCK.—The witness can look himself in his bank books and see if he received \$200. We cannot very well give the date.

By the Chairman :

1400. Your books here would give you no light?—No, sir; no light.

1401. Would your books not shew that \$200 had been received on account of that note?—No, sir; as I stated there was no account at all.

By Mr. Mulock :

1402. Have you got all your books since February 1888?—Well, the books I brought would shew our discounts and collections?—That last note was left for collection. It shews the makers of the note, but it does not shew the endorsers.

By Mr. Osler :

1403. Does it show how and when it was paid?—Those books do not. They show the note was left for collection by private parties.

1404. Is there any entry in the books to show that the amount signed for it, was paid in one sum?—Yes; There is an entry in the books to show that this note for collection of \$482 was signed for. I brought the diary and the note I mentioned, which was left for collection, is signed for.

By Mr. Mulock :

1405. There was a note under discount for \$619?—Yes, sir.

1406. And that was a 20 day note?—Yes, sir.

1407. And it was paid on the 29th February, 1888?—Yes, sir.

1408. A little while after you received another note dated 21st February, 1888?—Yes, sir.

1409. For \$480 odd dollars?—Yes, sir; for collection.

1410. I want to find out what you did with the \$200 or thereabouts that the witness says he paid to you?—Well, sir, you cannot find out by me at all.

1411. You have no books that would show it?—The books will not shew it. This \$619 was paid in one sum as far as I can trace by the books.

1412. There is no balance?—No balance at all.

1413. We want your books that will show you received this \$200, if you did. What books would it be entered in?—There would be a deposit book.

1414. Is that book here?—No, sir. I might state Joseph Cochrane may keep a deposit book, and he might have made the deposit or it might have been made by some one else.

~~Q.~~ 1415. And he may have given a cheque to Mr. Payne amounting to \$600?—I cannot say, he may have.

HERBERT SIMPSON called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

1416. You are a brother of Hedley Simpson?—Yes.

1417. What relation are you to Caleb Simpson?—He is an uncle of mine.

1418. Darius Simpson is also an uncle of yours?—Yes, sir.

1419. Were you aware that Hedley Simpson was trying to get the position of lighthouse-keeper at Presqu'Isle?—Yes, sir.

1420. Are you aware that a petition was circulated on his behalf?—Yes.

1421. Did you interest yourself in the petition?—No. I had nothing to do with it.

1422. Did you know of the petition being circulated?—Yes.

1423. Did you see Mr. Cochrane in regard to it?—No, sir.

1424. You did not see him in regard to the petition?—No, sir.

1425. Did you have any conversation with Hedley Simpson about his getting the appointment of light-keeper before he received it?—I talked some about it. I saw him and talked it over a little.

1426. What did you talk about?

Mr. Osler, I object. (Objection sustained).

By Mr. Barron :

1427. Had you any conversation with him about two notes that were to be given?—I do not know whether I had or not.

1428. Do you mean to say you do not remember anything about a couple of notes that were to be given by Hedley Simpson?—I heard it talked about; that is all.

1429. By your Uncle Darius?

Mr. Osler: I object.

Witness: Not that I know of.

By Mr. Barron :

1430. Do you know of these notes going to be given?—I do not understand this business at all. I had no hand in it at all.

1431. You were sent by Mr. Stanley to go to Hedley Simpson, were you not?—No, sir.

1432. Mr. Stanley says so?

The Chairman: Stanley said he thought the witness was the one?

1433. You say you were not sent by Mr. Stanley to go to your brother Hedley?—I was not.

1434. Do you say again you do not know anything about the notes going to be given by Hedley?—I say the same as I did before. I heard them talking about it.

1435. You heard whom?—Why, everybody.

1436. You did not know it from Hedley?—No, sir.

1437. Was it common talk in the neighbourhood?

MR. OSLER: I object.

WITNESS: I just heard it talked over.

By Mr. Barron :

1438. Did you see Mr. Cochrane at all in regard to Hedley being appointed?—No, sir.

1439. You never saw him at all?—Never. I never spoke to him about it.

1440. You were never sent to Mr. Cochrane by either of your uncles, Darius or Caleb?—No, sir.

1441. Did you see Mr. Cochrane at all in regard to the appointment of Hedley Simpson?—No, sir. I never spoke to him about it.

1442. From the time the appointment was made up to the present time?—I never spoke to him about it at all.

1443. Do you know who went to see Mr. Cochrane in regard to the appointment?—I do not. But—

MR. OSLER: Don't say if you don't know.

WITNESS: I don't know anything about going to see him, or anything about it.

1444. MR. BARRON: You were going to say "but." But what?—I know nothing about it.

1445. Did you know of the existence of a committee which distributed these offices?—No, not to my knowledge. I know nothing about it.

1446. Did you know about it?—I heard it talked that there was a committee. I never knew it myself.

1447. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Stanley?—No, sir.

1448. None at all?—None at all.

1449. You had no conversation with Mr. Stanley in regard to your brother getting the appointment?—No, sir.

1450. You are positive as to that?—I am.

1451. Quite positive?—Yes.

1452. Did Mr. Stanley not say something to you about the notes which were to be given by your brother?—No, sir.

1453. You say you never had any conversation with him about the notes?—I never had any conversation with him at all.

1454. Did you know that your brother had given \$200 in notes before, or about the time, he was getting the appointment?—I did not know it; no, sir.

1455. When did you first learn that your brother had to give \$200 in connection with his appointment as keeper of the Presqu'Isle Lighthouse?—I heard of it some time after. I could not say when.

1456. You did know of it afterwards?—I heard so. I never saw the notes, and never knew for certain they had been given.

1457. Did you object that he was giving too much?—I do not think I did.

1458. Will you be positive about that?—I do not remember saying anything further than that I would not give anything, when I heard it talked about.

1459. Who did you say that to?—I do not know exactly; I have said it to different ones.

1460. Was that before or after the appointment?—Probably before and after, both.

1461. Did you say it to Hedley Simpson?

Mr. Osler objected.

By Mr. Mulock :

1462. Where do you live?—Brighton.

1463. How far from the hotel?—About two miles across the bay, or two and a-half.

1464. Where were you living at the time these notes were given?—There.

1465. Did you often see Hedley?—Yes.

1466. What business are you in?—I have always sailed.

1467. In the boats belonging to the Harbour?—Different boats.

1468. But you were not sailing in the winter of 1887-88?—No.

1469. You saw your brother frequently?—Yes, I saw him maybe once a week; and sometimes not for once a month.

1470. Did you know that he was an applicant for this position?—I did.

1471. You knew what steps he was taking to get it?—No; I did not know what he was doing all the time.

1472. Did you know what he was trying to do to get it?—I knew he was trying to get it; that is all.

1473. Did you know what means he was adopting to get it?—No.

1474-75. You did not know he was giving \$200 notes?—No.

1476. He never told you during that period?—No.

1477. Although you saw him once a week, you did not know he was giving \$200 in notes to Mr. Stanley?—I did not know what he was doing.

1478. On your oath, you say you never heard of it?—I do.

JAMES STANLEY recalled and further examined:—

By Mr. German :

1479. To whom did you send the \$150? You said you sent it to Colborne to apply on that note. To whom did you send it?—I think it was the bank.

1480. Was it the bank or Payne?—Either the bank or Payne; I am not certain.

1481. You are not sure?—No; not certain. If I did not send it to the bank I sent it to Payne. I must have sent a cheque.

1482. Did you know that Payne was Solicitor for the Bank?—Yes.

1483. Did you know that the note in the bank had been sued before the \$150 was sent?—I did not know that.

1484. Did you say anything about that note being sued?—I may have.

1485. Did Payne communicate with you about the note?—No; he did not.

1486. Just as you got money you sent it up there?—Yes.

1887. You saw Payne when you went up with the \$200?—No; I did not.

1488. His office was shut up?—Yes.

1489. And that was the reason why you gave it to the Post-master?—Yes.

1490. Did you send \$150 prior to that?—No; it was after.

1491. You do not know whether you sent \$150 to Payne or the Bank?—No.

1492. What time of year was it? You went with a sleigh?—When I sent the \$150?

1493. The \$200?—I do not know whether we went with a sleigh or a buggy. I cannot say.

NOAH D. SNETSINGER called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

1494. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane at any time, in regard to the appointment of lighthouse keeper at Presqu'Isle?—I never had; I never made any application to Mr. Cochrane at all.

1495. Did you make application to anybody?—Yes, to the Government.

1496. Did Mr. Cochrane know of your application to the Government?—I don't know as he did, I could not say that.

1497. Had you any conversation with anybody in regard to your application to the Government for the position?—I asked for some recommends from my friends to the Government.

1498. To whom did you send those recommends?—I took them myself to the Government.

1499. Whom did you see?—I saw Sir John.

1500. Sir John Macdonald?—Yes.

1501. You never saw Mr. Cochrane at all?—I never applied to him for nothing.

1502. But had you any conversation with him?—None whatever.

1503. No conversation in regard to your wish for this position?—No, because I knew I could get nothing from him. That is the reason why I had nothing to do with him.

1504. Did you suggest to anybody a sum of money you would give if you got the appointment?—No, I never knew a thing was peddled out until after it was done.

By Mr. Mulock :

1505. What do you mean by "peddled out"?—I mean by subscription towards it, for the sake of getting the position.

By Mr. Barron :

1506. Did you say afterwards what you would have given?—I may have said afterwards.

Mr. OSLER—This is no evidence.

By Mr. Barron :

1507. But before you knew the appointment was made, did you say to anybody what you would be willing to give if you got the appointment?—No, Mr. Barron.

1508. I ask again, not to anybody at all?—Not to anybody at all, not before the appointment was made. I may have said something afterwards, but not before the appointment was made at all.

By Mr. Mulock :

1509. How much would you have given for it?—It was not worth much.

The Committee then took recess.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd Sept., 1891.

The Committee resumed at 8 o'clock p.m.—Mr. TISDALE in the Chair.

Dr. A. E. MALLORY called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

1510. You are Registrar of the East Riding of the County of Northumberland?—Yes.

1511. Will you produce the lease dated the 15th of October, 1890, between Eleanor Goodrich, Wesley Goodrich and Obadiah Simpson?

WITNESS produces document (filed as Exhibit No. 3.)

1512-13. This is the original lease?—Yes.

Mr. BARRON—This lease is considered as proved, I suppose?

Mr. OSLER—We shall not contest it. We will consider it under our law as proved by production.

Mr. BARRON—I have here a certified copy of the lease.

THE CHAIRMAN—(To witness.) Is this a certified and correct copy?—Yes.

Mr. BARRON—This copy bears the following certificate: "I certify that the within is a true copy and found of record in this office.

A. B. CHEFFINS,
Deputy Registrar.

EXHIBIT No. 3.

✓ This indenture made in duplicate the 15th day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, between Eleanor Goodrich of the township of Cramahe, in the county of Northumberland, wife of Wesley Goodrich of the same place, farmer, and the said Wesley Goodrich, of the first part, and Obadiah Simpson of the same place and county aforesaid, farmer, of the second part.

Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part on consideration of the rents hereinafter reserved on the part of the said party of the second part to be paid and delivered hath demised, leased, let and to farm let and by these presents do demise, lease, let and to farm let unto the said party of the second part, all that certain tract or parcel of lands and premises situate, lying, and being in the township of Cramahe in the County of Northumberland and Province of Ontario, containing sixty-three acres be the same more or less, being composed of all that part of lot No. eighteen in the second concession of the said township of Cramahe described as follows:—That is to say, commencing at the south-east angle of the said lot thence north sixteen degrees, west along the eastern boundary of said lot twenty-five chains,

thence south seventy-four degrees, west ten chains, thence north sixteen degrees, west forty-five chains, thence south seventy-four degrees, west five chains, thence south sixteen degrees east, sixty chains, thence south seventy-four degrees west, five chains, more or less, to the western limit of said lot ; thence south sixteen degrees east, ten chains more or less to the front of the said concession ; thence north seventy-four degrees east eight chains, thence north sixteen degrees west, ten chains ; thence north seventy-four degrees east, two chains, thence south sixteen degrees east ten chains to the front of the said concession, thence north seventy-four degrees east ten chains more or less to the place of beginning—to have and to hold the same with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part for and during and until the full end and term of his natural life, yielding and paying therefor yearly and every year the yearly rent of one peppercorn, payable on the first day of October in each and every year, during the continuation of this demise and the said parties of the first part do hereby for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns covenant and promise and agree to and with the said party of the second part that it shall and may be lawful for the said party of the second part at all times to peaceably and quietly use, occupy, possess and enjoy all and singular the said lands and premises hereby demised and all and every part and parcel thereof, without let, trouble, molestation, hindrance or eviction or without impeachment for waste or for mal-cultivation or anywise howsoever for and during the whole term hereby created and all and every part and portion thereof, the said party of the second part to pay the taxes imposed on the said lands and premises during the said term, and it is hereby agreed and understood by and between the said parties of the first part and the said party of the second part that in the event of the Government of Canada deciding that one bridge tender is sufficient to attend as bridge tender at the canal bridge on the Murray Canal where the said Wesley Goodrich, one of the said parties hereto of the first part is now acting as bridge tender and the said Wesley Goodrich is released by the Government aforesaid, from attendance thereto, that this lease shall then come to an end and be void, but this provision is not to apply in the event of the said Wesley Goodrich being discharged from attendance at the bridge by any act of his own.

In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto^o set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered	}	(Sgd)	ELEANOR GOODRICH, L.S.
in the presence of			
(Sgd) JOHN WADE.	}	(Sgd)	WESLEY GOODRICH, L.S.

COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND. }
To wit :

I, John Wade, of the township of Brighton in the county of Northumberland, farmer, make oath and say that I was personally present and did see the within instrument and duplicate thereof, duly signed, sealed and executed by the therein named Eleanor Goodrich and Wesley Goodrich the parties thereto, that the said instrument and duplicate were executed at the Village of Brighton, that I know the said parties, that I am a subscribing witness to the said instrument and duplicate.

Sworn before me at the Village in the County	}		
of Northumberland this fifteenth day of			
October A.D., 1890.		(Sgd)	JOHN WADE.
(Sgd) M. K. LOCKWOOD,			

Commissioner for taking affidavits, etc.

The document is endorsed No. 4991 Cramahe ; Life lease, Eleanor and Wesley Goodrich to Obadiah Simpson. I certify that the within instrument is duly entered and registered in the registry office for the east riding of the County of Northumberland, in book _____ for the Township of Cramahe at 10 o'clock a.m. of the 24th day of October, A.D. 1890, No. 4991.

(Sgd.) A. E. MALLORY,
Registrar.

ARUNDEL SIMPSON re-called and further examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

1514-15. Is that your signature (handing a document to witness) ?—Yes, sir.

1516. This is a statement made by you before Mr. G. B. Kemp, a Justice of the Peace ?

The CHAIRMAN—A statement in what ?

Mr. BARRON—In this matter ?

1517. Do you remember making this statement ?—What is it ?

1518. It is a declaration in regard to these matters.

Mr. OSLER—That is the worst lead that I have ever heard. I object most emphatically to the question.

Mr. BARRON (To witness)—Did you see Mr. Stanley in the year 1890 in regard to being appointed yourself—

Mr. OSLER—I object entirely to this method of examination. Mr. Barron produces a paper, gets the witness to identify his signature and then, with that paper in his hands, Mr. Barron proceeds with the examination in chief. It is most irregular.

1519. Mr. BARRON—Did you see Mr. Stanley in 1889, in regard to getting an appointment as bridge-keeper ?—I did.

1520. What took place then ?—Mr. Stanley sent for me.

1521. Well, what else ?—I went up there to see him, and he told me they were about to let the bridges.

Mr. OSLER—I object to the witness stating what Mr. Stanley said.

By Mr. Barron :

1522. What was said to you ?—He said they were going to let the bridges and that they intended me to have one.

By the Chairman :

1523. You say they were going to let the bridges. What do you mean by that ?—To appoint the bridge tenders.

By Mr. Barron :

1524. Did he say anything about your getting one ?—He said that I could get one by looking after my father and giving him \$150.

1525. Who told you that ?—James Stanley.

By Mr. Mulock :

1526. Whom did you mean by giving “ him ” \$150 ?—Mr. Stanley.

By Mr. Barron :

1527. When you say that he said you were to look after your father, were those the words that were used, or what did he mean ?—He went, in the first place, to see my father and told him, that they had promised him a bridge, but that he was too old to be appointed. He asked him if he wanted one of his sons appointed in his place, and he said yes, and he would like to see me appointed.

1528. Did you afterwards see Mr. Cochrane about it?—He saw me about it.

1529. Mr. Cochrane did?—Yes.

1530. You met Mr. Cochrane in Brighton?—Yes.

1531. What took place between you and Mr. Cochrane? Did he send for you?—He called me into the room.

1532. Where was this—in the hotel?—In Mr. Stanley's hotel.

1533. What did he say to you?—He said they had made different arrangements about the bridge. That they were going to make some arrangements for fifty acres of land for my father, and let someone else have the bridge.

1534. Did he say with whom the arrangement was made?—I do not think he did that night.

1535. Did he at any other time?—I do not know that he did. I could not say that he did.

1536. Just try and think, because you say, he did not say that night?—I do not think Mr. Cochrane ever told me.

1537. Did he say anything about the \$150 which Stanley wanted you to give as being so small?

Mr. OSLER—I object to that leading question.

1538. What did he say about the \$150?—I do not know just what he did say.

1539. Try and think?—He said they had made other arrangements. I said it was all right; I was not very particular.

1540. What did he say about the \$150?

Mr. OSLER objected to the manner in which the question was put.

Objection sustained.

By Mr. Barron :

1541. What else did he say?—He said that Mr. Stanley could not pay off \$900 with four bridges at \$150 a piece.

1542. Where was that said to you?—At Mr. Stanley's hotel.

1543. By Mr. Cochrane?—By Mr. Cochrane.

1544. The member for East Northumberland?—Yes.

1545. When he said that they had made other arrangements, was anything said in regard to more money?—That is all I heard him say. I heard him say what I have just told you.

1546. Did Mr. Cochrane make any further offer to you?—No, I don't think he did. We merely had a few words and I left them.

1547. Had you any more conversations with Mr. Cochrane at any time?—I don't think I ever had since, no more than as I would meet him.

1548. As you would meet him?—Well, nothing concerning this case at all.

1549. Concerning any bridge tenders?—No, I think not, nothing more than as I would see him, I would pass the time of day.

1550. Do you know whether your father went into possession of the land mentioned in this lease we have just read?—I think he went into possession a year ago last May.

1551. He went into possession a year ago last May?—I think he did; I don't know, I am not quite sure.

By the Chairman :

1552. And he is still in possession, is he?—Yes.

By Mr. Barron :

1553. Under what title?—I don't know.

1554. Do you know whether Wesley Gooderich became a bridge tender?—Well, I believe he did—at least I heard him say—

Mr. OSLER—Never mind what you heard him say.

By Mr. Mulock :

1555. Who got this bridge you were an applicant for?—I could not swear to it, because I don't know what one it was. Mr. Goodrich got a bridge, and Mr. Clouston; I could not swear what bridge I was to have.

1556. You were not to have any particular bridge?—No particular bridge.

1557. Did you know about Mr. Goodrich making a lease?—No, only just what I heard, I never saw the lease.

1558. Well, is it the Mr. Goodrich who is said to have made a lease, that got the bridge?—I believe it is, yes.

1559. You know Wesley Goodrich?—Yes.

1560. Is he the Goodrich, do you know, who owns a piece of land, 63 acres or thereabouts, part of Lot 18 in the section of Cramahe?—Well, I believe he is the gentleman that owns it.

1561. You know that piece of land?—Yes.

1562. The reputed owner is who?—I think Mrs. Goodrich.

1563. And that is the piece of land your father is in possession of?—Yes.

1564. It is his wife who owns it?—I think so.

1565. Is that the same Wesley Goodrich, who you say had got the appointment to one of the bridges?—Yes.

1566. Do you know when he entered upon his appointment?—No, I do not; sometime I think last Spring a year ago, last April I believe.

1567. Was his name mentioned at your conversation with Mr. Cochrane?—No, I don't think Mr. Cochrane ever mentioned Mr. Goodrich's name. You mean about the farm?

1568. Yes?—No, he did not mention it. He said fifty acres of land.

1569. When you met him at Stanley's hotel at Brighton?—That is where it was.

1570. And he told you that he had made other arrangements? Did he tell you what the arrangements were?—He said he had an offer of 150 acres for this gentleman.

1571. For whom?—He did not say.

1572. I ask you, if he did not say he got anything more than 50 acres of land?—I think he said the man would give more than fifty acres. He would give fifty acres of land, but he did not say who it was from.

1573. How much was he getting from you?—Mr. Stanley was getting \$150.

1574. And he said they were getting more than that? Did he say how much more?—I don't think he stated.

1575. Are you sure that he said it was more?—I would not be quite sure.

1576. Did he say who it was who had made other arrangements?—No, he did not say who it was, and he did not say whom it was made with. He said there were other arrangements made.

1577. Recommending whom?—I did not ask any more questions—that got me out of the house.

1578. He gave you to understand then, that some arrangement had been made by some parties which prevented him from recommending you?—That is what he told me.

1579. He did not tell you who the parties were who made the arrangement?—No.

By Mr. Osler :

1580. What is your occupation?—A farmer.

1581. On your own farm?—No; I am on a rented farm—a farm on shares.

1582. On whose property?—John Austin.

1583. You have rented that farm for how long?—I have been on it, this is the third season.

1584. Who did you first tell this story to?—Which story?

1585. The story you have been telling here to-day?—I do not know. I do not understand you.

1586. Yes, you do perfectly. Answer the question?—The evidence I have given.

1587. To whom did you first tell the story you have been telling here to-day?

—I cannot tell you that.

1588. I mean the story you have told about the interview with Mr. Cochrane?

—I told it to different ones.

1589. Who to?—I told it to Mr. Gordon.

1590. Which Mr. Gordon is that?—Lawyer Gordon.

1591. When did you do that?—About two weeks ago.

1592. Did he come to you for it, or did you go to him?—He came to me. He sent a man with a rig for me.

1593. That was about two weeks ago. That man drove you to his office?—To his office door.

1594. What did you do?—I went into the office. I asked him what he wanted, and he said he wanted to ask me a few questions.

1595. Did he ask you a few questions?—Yes.

1596. As a result you told him the story you have told here?—Yes, I answered his questions.

1597. He asked about this interview at the hotel?—Yes.

1598. Seemed to know about it?—Yes.

1599. And you told him as you have told us here now?—Nearly; I don't know that I told it word for word.

1600. Word for word may be as near as you can get at it, but you told the story as you have told us?—I do not know exactly.

1601. Did you have the story written down?—I guess he took it down.

1602. Did you swear to it by declaring to it?—I just signed it.

1603. You did not go before a magistrate?—C. B. Kemp came there after I had signed it.

1604. What did you do?—I didn't do anything.

1605. You didn't declare it to be true before him?—He didn't ask me.

1606. "Declared before me at Brighton in the county of Northumberland this 13th day of August" signed C. B. Kemp, J. P. Did you declare it before Mr. Kemp?—No; he was not there when I signed it.

1607. Did you declare it was true before him?—I never spoke to him about it.

1608. Not whether you spoke to him, but did you go through the form of swearing or declaring?—No.

1609. Now we find this: "I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true". Did you do that?—No.

1610. "By virtue of the Act respecting Extra-Judicial Oaths"?—He asked me no questions.

1611. You want me to understand that Mr. Gordon and Mr. Kemp have improperly added this statement?—I do not remember them writing that.

1612. I want to see just what kind of a man you are. Do you want to say that Mr. Gordon and Mr. Kemp have been parties to getting up a statutory declaration which you never made? Answer the question?—I do not know what you mean.

1613. I think you do. I have here signed by you—for you have acknowledged your signature to Mr. Barron—and signed by Mr. Kemp as Justice of the Peace, a solemn declaration which is by law equivalent to an oath. I want to know if you made that solemn declaration or not?—I do not know anything about it.

1614. No, no, do not avoid the question. Answer the question. Did you or did you not take a statutory declaration?—I did not. I do not know what it is.

1615. Did the magistrate sign anything in your presence? Did he sign what you signed?—I think he did afterward.

1616. Did you make any statement before him that that was true?—No, sir.

1617. Did you make any statement that that was true under the Act?—Before Mr. Kemp?

1618. Yes?—No, sir, I never spoke a word and he never asked me. After Mr. Kemp came into the office I never spoke to him nor he to me.

1619. Then did you sign something that Mr. Gordon read over?—Yes, I understood I signed that.

1620. Did Mr. Gordon read it over to you?—Yes, he read it over.

1621. Now, how many interviews had you with Mr. Cochrane with reference to this matter?—Only one.

1622. With reference to the matter which is now before the Committee had you more than one interview?—I had one talk with him about the lighthouse, and another, I am not sure whether it was on the same occasion, with reference to the bridge.

1623. With reference to the bridge, do you think the conversation was at that time?—No, I had a separate talk about the bridge.

1624. You had two talks—one about the lighthouse and one about the bridge although they were on two separate occasions. How far apart were they?—I cannot tell. One was at Mr. Bullock's store, and one was in Mr. Stanley's hotel.

1625. Now, had you any other interviews with Mr. Cochrane that you can remember?—Not, that I know of.

1626. Are you quite sure now, take your time?—I do not know exactly, I might have. I o'ten met him on the road.

1627. But on the bridge, or on the lighthouse, would you recollect if you had any other conversations?—I recollect having had a conversation with him on the bridge at Mr. Bullock's store.

1628. You don't recollect any more?—No.

1629. Did you see him with reference to getting the appointment for your cousin?—Yes, I did. He saw me, that was on the same occasion.

1630. That was on the occasion you refer to?—Yes.

1631. That was before the transaction took place?—That was before he got the appointment.

1632. What I want you to tell me is, how many interviews there were?—That would be three.

1633. No more?—I think not.

1634. No more?—No.

1635. Where was the third one?—In Mr. Bullock's store.

1636. You told me already that there was one in Mr. Bullock's store, and one in the hotel, was there another one in Mr. Bullock's store also?—Yes, the third one was in Mr. Bullock's store.

1637. And the first two were in the hotel?—No, the first was in Mr. Bullock's store.

1638. Now think, and tell me whether there were any more?—I do not think there were any more.

1639. Would you say you are sure that there were no more?—I would say that there were not.

1640. Now, when was the first of these interviews as to the lighthouse—the first of the three interviews?—I think it was some time in March, about three or four years ago.

1641. Three or four, which?—I think three years ago.

1642. Would you say March three years ago with any degree of certainty?—I would not be positive as to dates.

1643. Have you any certainty when you suggest March?—I think it was March.

1644. This first interview was on what subject?—It was on the lighthouse.

1645. What did he ask you to do then?—He asked me to take a letter over to Mr. Simpson.

1646. That was on the occasion that Mr. Cochrane asked you to take a letter over to Mr. Hedley Simpson?—Yes.

1647. You are certain that took place on the occasion you have spoken of?—Yes.

1648. Was there anything else that passed?—Yes. He said he wanted to see Simpson about the lighthouse.

1649. Now that is the very first that you had to with it?—As far as I can recollect it is.

1650. That is as near as you can recollect?—Yes.

1651. Well anything more. What else did Mr. Cochrane say on that occasion?—Nothing that I know of, but he gave me the letter. Mr. Stanley was in the hall, and the one or the other gave me letter.

1652. You cannot say which?—I would not be positive which one. Mr. Cochrane asked me to take the letter over to Mr. Simpson, but I don't know which handed me the letter.

1653. Now, have you told us all that Mr. Cochrane said on that occasion?—I think so.

1654. There was nothing more he said to you then?—No.

1655. Are you sure of that?—I do not think he said anything more.

1656. I don't want to hurry you. I want you to be quite sure; I am not asking you to say anything you don't recollect; but I want to ask you if that is all that took place on the occasion of the first interview?—Yes; I think it is.

1657. The letter was handed to you either by Mr. Stanley or Mr. Cochrane to give to Hedley?—Yes.

1658. And Mr. Cochrane and not Mr. Stanley wanted you to take it over to the hotel, and he told you that he wanted you to see him about the lighthouse?—Yes.

1659. And that is all that passed?—Yes.

1660. And without binding yourself down too closely, you think that was about the month of March?—I think so.

1661. But you would not be quite sure about it?—I think it was.

1662. When was the second interview you had with Mr. Cochrane?—That was the second interview.

1663. You said that was the first. Which is correct?—It was the first.

1664. What was the second interview on?—The second interview was on the bridge—in the hotel.

1665. You are sure of that now. You are sure you are mistaken when you said the first was about the bridge?—I was mistaken in saying that.

1666. Well, I would like you to state definitely when was the second interview?—I cannot tell the date.

1667. How long after the first interview?—I cannot tell—some time.

1668. About how long?—Over a year, anyway.

1669. One interview you said would be in March, 1888, and from March, 1888, you had no interview with him for over a year?—I would not be certain.

1670. Now would it be over a year?—I cannot say.

1671. Remember that you are entitled to a reasonable margin. Try to reproduce in your mind the date. We all know it is difficult, and recognize the difficulty, but give us the best of your judgment as to when the interview took place; would it be over a year?—I do not know that it was.

1672. Then it would be the Fall of 1889?—Yes.

1673. Shall we take it in the Fall of 1889, then, solidly? You do not go back on that?—Yes.

1674. Well, where was it?—It was in Mr. David Bullock's store.

1675. The second interview now?—That was Mr. Stanley's hotel.

1676. The first interview as to the letter?—Yes.

1677. What took place there; who spoke first?—Mr. Cochrane come along the sidewalk, and said he wanted to speak to me.

1678. And you went into the hotel?—Yes.

1679. And he spoke to you?—Yes.

1680. What did he say?—He said they had made different arrangements about the bridge for the old gentleman.

1681. Remember this is the second interview you are telling about. The first was about the lighthouse?—Well, this is about the bridge.

1682. This interview was in the hotel in the fall of 1889, which was the second interview, and was all about the bridge?—This was all about the bridge.

1683. What happened then?—I told you what happened.

1684. Tell me again. I am forgetful?—I see you are quite forgetful. He told me he had made different arrangements for the old gentleman; that he had got him a life lease of 50 acres of land, or he was to get it for him.

1685. Go on?—That is far enough. That is far as I can go.

1686. That is all that took place?—That is all that took place.

1687. Are you sure about that?—There may have been some more words, but I don't recollect any more.

1688. Can you solidly say, then, that that is all that took place?—There may be more, but I don't remember.

1689. Just think for a moment. Don't be in a hurry; take your time?—I am in no hurry. I guess I told him all right.

1690. Tell me all that took place?—I am just telling you, that I said it would be all right.

1691. Did he tell you anything more?—He said, that Mr. Stanley said, they could not pay off \$900 with four bridges at \$150 each, Mr. Stanley could not pay it off with that amount.

1692. Is that all?—That is all.

1693. You parted then and there?—We parted then and there.

1694. Friendly?—No; not very friendly. We were not very bad friends, then.

1695. But you still had a few words?—Not then, we had not.

1696. You told us so a little while ago?—I did not tell you I had had a great many words.

1697. But you said, and we understood what it meant, "we had a few words?"—Not at that time.

1698. Do you swear you had no words at that time?—I won't swear that we had not a few words.

1699. You swore to Mr. Barron, a few minutes ago, that you and he had a few words? Now, sir, I want to know is that true?—It is true.

1700. Why, then, did you swear you had not?—I do not know what the words were. We were not on very good terms and we parted.

1701. What was it that he said, or that you said, that indicated a want of friendliness between you?—(No answer).

1702. Why were you not friendly; what had happened to make you unfriendly?—He said he would not appoint me for the bridge.

1703. You have not told us that before; not in those words?—I have told it to you now.

1704. Is that all that happened?—That is all that happened.

1705. Was this in the fall of 1889?—I think it was.

1706. You said so solidly just now? Do you still stick to it?—(No answer).

1707. Answer me, please?—Yes. I think it was the fall 1889.

1708. You know it was a year ago last fall?—I think it was.

1709. Well, when was the next interview?—The same fall; later in the season.

1710. This was the interview in Bullock's store?—Yes.

1711. That would be late in the fall?—Quite late in the fall.

1712. Are you quite sure it was late in the fall?—Yes.

1713. Do you know when you gave your evidence in chief that you put that in the summer—the summer of 1888 or 1889?—I was not positive about the date.

1714. You did not say so before? Well, at all events this interview was in Bullock's store? Are you sure about that?—(No answer).

1715. What passed at that interview?—I cannot tell you exactly what passed.

1716. Well, try? What was this interview on—the lighthouse or the bridge?—A little of both.

1717. Tell me, then?—We were talking about the bridge, and he said he had done enough for the Simpson family; that he had given them a lighthouse.

1718. What else?—That is about all, that I can recollect. There may have been more said—I suppose there was, but I cannot recollect.

1719. You have no recollection of it; it is not in your mind?—No.

1720. Think again. Was there anything else except that he had done enough for the Simpson family?—I do not think there is anything more.

1721. It was at the second interview that he told you about the fifty-acre life lease? You have already told us so?—Yes.

1722. It was not at a third interview?—No.

1723. The lot that was given to your father was not mentioned at the interview at Bullock's store, as I understand it?—I do not think it was; it may have been.

1724. You have not got it in your mind if it was?—No.

1725. You have already sworn that he said on that occasion he had given the Simpson family a lighthouse?—Well, he might have.

1726. Have you told me all that passed?—I have told you all that I can recollect that passed.

1727. I may now take your account of these three interviews as your evidence? These three interviews totally differ from your former statements, and I now ask you whether you want to change them?—I do not know what I can change, if I don't recollect. I am telling you straight.

1728. It is your business, not mine. Have you anything to add? You see we have the interviews clearly. Let us bring the three together. You have the first interview when nothing passed but handing you the letter?—There may have been something more passed, but I don't recollect anything just now.

1729. You would not undertake to speak of anything except the letter in the first interview, and that interview was in the tavern?—Yes.

1730. And the second interview?—Was in the hotel.

1731. The fall of 1889?—Yes.

1732. What did he tell you that time? Let us see if you can recollect it for five minutes?

1733. Try it once again?—My recollection of what?

1734. Just what took place at the second interview?—I have told you.

1735. Tell it to me again?—About the lighthouse?

1736. About anything? I want to know? I have got to apologize for asking so often, but do it once again for me. Would you like me to tell it?—No answer.

1737. Can you not?—I may.

1738. Well, try to make an effort, try and tell it once more?—Well, he told me that they had made other arrangements about the bridge and they would give a lot to the old gentleman for fifty acres—a life lease.

1739. That was all?—That was about all.

Mr. OSLER—Now, I will take the statutory declaration.

Mr. BARRON—I don't know that I will give it to you.

Mr. OSLER—Well, I call for it.

Mr. BARRON—What does the Chairman say?

THE CHAIRMAN—I think you should give it to him, and then he must take his own course of procedure. If he cross-examines on it he must put it in.

Mr. OSLER—I ask for the production of that document as Counsel for Mr. Cochrane.

THE CHAIRMAN—"I rule the document is only relative for the purpose of cross-examination, and re-examination within proper lines."

By Mr. Osler:

1740. You told me of the three interviews that you had. Do you remember any others with Mr. Cochrane?—No.

1741. Do you think you had any others?—I do not know that I had. I might, if I had time, be able to tell you more definitely.

1742. Now, two of these interviews were interviews that you had after you knew that Hedley had been appointed?—Yes.

1743. And the only interview that you had with Mr. Cochrane prior to Mr. Hedley's appointment was the interview in which you were simply asked to deliver the letter?—I think that is the only one.

1744. You think that is the only interview?—I think so.

1745. Be certain now. You have already sworn two or three times to a different statement?—That is it, I think.

1746. Then, of course, you did not go to see Mr. Cochrane about Hedley's getting the appointment?—No; I do not think I did.

1747. You did not have any interviews with him with reference to Hedley's getting the appointment, that would not be consistent with what you have told us?—I don't recollect.

1748. Would it be consistent with what you have already told us, for you to have gone and seen Mr. Cochrane?—I suppose not.

1749. You didn't see him?—No; I do not think I did.

1750. You did not canvass him or talk with him over Hedley's appointment?—No.

1751. It would not be correct to say that you did—if anybody came up and said so, that would not be correct?—No; I think not.

1752. You would contradict him?—Well, I don't recollect now.

1753. If I had a witness that would go into the box and swear that you canvassed Mr. Cochrane for Hedley's appointment three or four times, you would contradict him?—I would.

1754. This was your signature—you have already said it was?—Yes.

1755. Do you remember signing a document like this in Mr. Gordon's office? (Document filed as Exhibit No. 4.)—Yes.

1756. Now, this is what you stated—every word in this declaration is given over your signature?—Yes.

1757. Did Mr. Gordon read over every word to you when you signed it?—Yes.

1758. The fourth paragraph says: "I assisted the said Hedley H. Simpson in his efforts to secure the said appointment and had several interviews with Edward Cochrane, then and now member of the House of Commons of Canada for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Northumberland and a supporter of the Government, in connection with such appointment." Now, is that statement which is contained in the fourth paragraph true?—I did not say that to Mr. Gordon. I do not think that is what I signed.

1759. Is it true?—I did not say that to Mr. Gordon.

1760. That is your signature?—Yes, that is my signature.

1761. Well, is what you have stated there true?—I don't understand, I had several interviews with Mr. Cochrane. I don't recollect this.

1762. Is it true?—Part of it.

1763. You say: "I assisted the said Hedley H. Simpson in his efforts to secure the said appointment and had several interviews with Edward Cochrane." Is that true?—I did say so.

1764. Now, had you several interviews with Mr. Cochrane?—Well, yes; I had three.

1765. Two after the appointment and one to carry the letter?—Yes.

1766. Now, where are the several interviews assisting Hedley Simpson in his efforts to secure the appointment?—(No answer.)

1767. Is this statement in the fourth paragraph true or false: "I assisted the said Hedley H. Simpson in his efforts to secure the said appointment and had several interviews with Edward Cochrane"?—Yes, I had several interviews with Mr. Cochrane.

1768. Then the fourth paragraph is true?—Yes; I suppose it is.

1769. Then Mr. Gordon was right and you were wrong in saying that this paragraph was not the paragraph you signed at all. There is the choice for you; which will you take?—(No answer.)

1770. Now, at the interview with regard to the letter, you told me distinctly that all that passed was the request to deliver the letter and the statement that he wanted to see Hedley Simpson about the lighthouse?—Yes.

1771. You told us two or three times so. Do you still stick to that statement?—I believe I said something more to him; I don't remember.

1772. What we are trying to get at is your recollection of whether that is all he said to you?—No; he said a little more.

1773. What was it?—He said that when I got a bridge I would have to pay something for it.

1774. Any more? You have said that you were asked to deliver the letter and he said that when you got a bridge you would have to pay for it. That is new?—(Witness laughed.)

MR. OSLER—This is nothing to laugh at. It is the difference between what you swear at one time and what you swear at another time?

MR. BARRON objected to the insinuation.

WITNESS—I swear to the same thing every time.

1775. Now tell me, witness, you have sworn two or three times to the whole of the interview with regard to the delivery of the letter, and you now add to it that when he spoke to you he said something with reference to the bridge?—When I turned round and took the letter he said I would have to pay for the bridge when I got it.

1776. Anything else?—No; I don't remember.

1777. Was this the only interview with regard to this?—I do not know whether it was or not.

1778. You have already sworn two or three times that this was the only interview you had before the appointment was made, is that so?—As near as I can remember.

1779. Was it to the best of your recollection your only interview?—Yes; that is all I can remember.

1780. You had no interview with him before the appointment, I presume from the evidence you have already given—you had no interview with regard to a petition?—Yes—No, I didn't have an interview. My wife's uncle had, and I went with him.

1781. Had you any interview with Mr. Cochrane in which the question of the petition came up?—It seems to me I did; but I would not be positive; there was so much that passed at the time.

1782. What do you say about any interview about the petition?—I do not recollect anything, only what was talked of among the family.

1783. I am speaking of an interview with Mr. Cochrane?—I do not recollect any.

1784. If there had been any such interview you would recollect?—I might.

1785. If you recollected it a fortnight ago you would recollect it now?—I ought to.

1786. I think I may read to you the fifth paragraph of your declaration:

MR. BARRON objected.

MR. OSLER—Then I will take it to him and go through the procedure of identification again.

1787. Is this the document which you signed?—Yes.

1788. Is this your signature?—Yes.

1789. The same signature?—Yes.

1790. Now, I propose to read to you what you signed:

MR. BARRON—That is what you should have done before.

1791. MR. OSLER—That is what I was going to do when you interrupted me (to witness): The fifth clause of this declaration of yours which has been acknowledged by you as bearing your signature reads as follows:—"5. At one of the said interviews the said Edward Cochrane informed me that he (said Cochrane) would not sign the petition hereinbefore referred to, and that if said Hedley H. Simpson sent

said petition to Ottawa, he (Cochrane) would not assist him in obtaining the said appointments, but if said Hedley H. Simpson would leave this matter in his (Cochrane's) hands he (Cochrane) would secure said appointment for said Simpson." Is that true?—Will you let me explain.

1792. Say first, is it true? Is that your statement?—No. Will you allow me to explain.

1793. Not now?—I am willing to explain that to you.

1794. Wait one minute. I will treat you perfectly fairly. Tell me this first: Is that your statement that you made to Mr. Gordon?—No; not that I had an interview with Mr. Cochrane about the matter.

1795. You did not understand your making such a statement as that before Mr. Gordon?—I made such a statement, but I did not say that I saw Mr. Cochrane. I told Mr. Gordon that my uncle went with the petition, and that Mr. Cochrane told him that.

1796. Then it is your uncle, and not you?—It was my wife's uncle. When Mr. Gordon asked me if I had any interview with Mr. Cochrane about the—

MR. BARRON objected.

1797. I read to you the fifth paragraph:

"At one of the said interviews the said Edward Cochrane informed me that he (said Cochrane) would not sign the petition hereinbefore referred to, and that if said Hedley H. Simpson sent said petition to Ottawa, he (Cochrane) would not assist him in obtaining the said appointment, but if said Hedley H. Simpson would leave the matter in his (Cochrane's) hands, he (Cochrane) would secure said appointment for said Simpson." Recollect that this paragraph contains three statements: That you saw Cochrane and he would not sign the petition, and at that interview Cochrane told you that if Simpson sent the petition to Ottawa direct he would not assist him in getting the appointment, and third, if he would leave it in his own hands he would get him the appointment. These are the three distinct statements contained in that paragraph. Are they yours?—No; to a certain extent they are.

1798. Having said that to a certain extent they are your statements, what is your explanation?—He asked me if I ever—

1799. Who asked you?—Mr. Gordon. Understand, Mr. Gordon was asking me questions and I asked him to put them down. He asked about the petition and I told him my wife's uncle, Mr. Simpson, went to him with the petition and he would not sign it; that it would make no difference. I told him it was my wife's uncle who went there.

1800. That is then Mr. Gordon's mistake, and it was your mistake in listening to what Mr. Gordon read?—I did not understand it. I am not very well educated.

1801. That is all your explanation?—Yes, that is it.

1802. I suppose that is also the explanation of the sixth paragraph, which is somewhat the same:

"Said Cochrane further told me to tell Hedley H. Simpson not to forward the said petition, but to leave the matter in his (said Cochrane's) hands." Is that true?—That is the same as—

1803. Is that true?—It is just the same as the other.

1804. Is it true?—It is true, the same as the other.

1805. Is it true in the sense of your wife's uncle?—Yes. What I told him about the petition, as I now say, was that that was my wife's uncle.

1806. Then you still stick to it, that you only had one post office interview with Cochrane before the appointment; that Mr. Cochrane asked you to come in and take the letter?—I do not recollect any other. I may have had. I often talked to Mr. Cochrane when I met him.

1807. Then perhaps this seventh paragraph would be some other relative of your wife:

"Subsequently (the circulation of the said petition having been dropped) said Cochrane told me he (Cochrane) could get \$600 from one Noah Snetsinger, of Colborne, if said Snetsinger should receive the said appointment of said lighthouse, but

that he (Cochrane) would secure the appointment of said Hedley H. Simpson for a good deal less than \$600." Is that true?—Part of it is true, and part of it is not put there right. Mr. Cochrane did tell me that in a third interview.

1808. That was long after the appointment?—I know that.

1808½. You understand that this seventh paragraph is at the time when the appointment is still undetermined—nobody had been appointed to the position?—That is a mistake.

1809. That is what the paragraph says?—It is a mistake.

1810. That the appointment was still to be got?—That is wrong. If I swore that, I swore wrong.

1811. Whose mistake is that—Mr. Gordon's or some of your wife's relatives?—Or my mistake. I did not say that he would give him that.

1812. Who is "he"?—Mr. Snetsinger. He said Mr. Snetsinger would give \$600 for the lighthouse and they only got \$200. Cochrane said that to me in the store. He did not say he offered him; he said he would give it. But that Hedley only gave \$200.

1813. But that he (Cochrane) would secure the appointment of said Hedley H. Simpson for a good deal less than \$600?—He did secure it. This was long after, as Mr. Cochrane knows.

1814. So far all the paragraphs seem wrong. That interview about Snetsinger's \$600 was the third interview?—Yes.

1815. You are quite sure?—Yes; it was in Mr. Bullock's store.

1816. That would be in the interview in the late fall of 1889?—Yes.

1817. Here is another awful mistake by Mr. Gordon or somebody—the eighth paragraph:

"Subsequently (said Cochrane) sent to the said Hedley H. Simpson by me a letter in which it was stated that said Hedley H. Simpson would be required, in order to secure the said appointment, to give security for the payment of two hundred dollars, which letter I delivered to said Hedley H. Simpson." Did you go and give the letter? You see by the seventh and eighth paragraphs as to the interview about Snetsinger's \$600, that you swore to in the seventh paragraph, you placed that in this affidavit at the day prior to the delivery of the letter?—If I did, it is a mistake. It was after that it was talked about.

1818. Then it is not true, this eighth paragraph, subsequent to the interview as to the \$600?—It is all true but the date.

1819. The date is everything, man?—I don't keep dates.

1820. I will read the whole paragraph. "Subsequently the said Cochrane sent to the said Hedley H. Simpson, by me, a letter in which it was stated that said Hedley H. Simpson would be required, in order to receive the said appointment, to give security for the payment of \$200, which letter I delivered to said Hedley H. Simpson." Is that true?—That is true.

1821. That is all true? It was subsequent to the \$600?—Mr. Cochrane told me that the note—

1822. That is something you remember now?—I remember that now.

1823. You have told us, you know, that you did not know what was in the letter?

Mr. BARRON—He said, so far as Mr. Cochrane was concerned, that he did not tell him anything that was in the letter as regards the appointment.

By Mr. Osler:

1824. When was it you had the interview with James Stanley about one of the bridges?—Two years ago this summer.

1825. What month?—I don't remember the month exactly.

1826. About what month?—Somewhere about the middle of the summer.

1827. And who brought the message?—My father brought the message that Mr. Stanley wanted to see me.

1828. And what passed between you and Stanley?—He said that he was going to make an appointment, that gave one to my father and me, and wanted my father to have his share of it.

1829. Was it to you or your father, Mr. Stanley said the appointment would be made?—To me.

1830. What did he say about your father?—He said the old gentleman was too old.

1831. He said the old gentleman was too old, and what else?—He would like to have the money right off, as soon as possible.

1832. How much money?—\$150.

1833. What else were you to do?—I was to get the money for him, I suppose.

1834. Any other condition?—From Mr. Stanley? I don't know as there was, except to see to my father—maintain my father.

1835. I think you told me that at the last interview with Mr. Cochrane, he did not mention to whom they had given the bridge?—No. I would not be positive.

1836. What you said before as to that was very clear?—Well, he said Mr. Goodrich was—

1837. Wait a minute, until I tell you what you said before.—He did not say what—

1838. Don't let us get too loose ended at all. Here is what you said: "He told me they had made different arrangements for fifty acres for father, and the Committee appointed some one else, but they did not say whom."—He did not say whom.

1839. This was your only interview?—Yes.

1840. He did not say whom that night?—No.

1841. And you never saw him subsequently?—Well, then—

1842. Wait a minute. You never saw him subsequently?—They told—

1843. I am not asking you about them, but about Mr. Cochrane. I don't want any more wife's uncles, you know. Did he not tell you to whom the appointment was made?—I won't be positive.

1844. But you were positive before, because you made use of the words "they had appointed some one else; he did not say whom"—I could not say. It is quite a while ago—that was in Mr. Stanley's hotel.

1845. Well, now, is that true?—Yes; that is true. I would not be positive I knew who had got it.

1846. How much had he paid?—Who had paid?

1847. Whoever had been appointed.—He said that he could get more for it. He could get \$200.

1848. No, no; you said before that he could not pay off \$900 with four bridges at \$150. What did Mr. Cochrane say?—About the bridge?

1849. Yes;—That is what he told me; he could not pay off with four bridges.

1850. Is that all?—He said something about getting more from this man; that is \$200.

1851. This is what you swore to before. Then you say: "Subsequently, the said Edward Cochrane" (describing him) "met me in Brighton and said they could not take \$150 for the said bridge, and that Stanley should not have agreed to take \$150. Said Cochrane further told me that they had made other arrangements about the said bridge with one Wesley Goodrich, who had agreed to pay \$200, and give to my father a life lease of his (Goodrich's) farm for his (Goodrich's) appointment as keeper of said bridge. Said Cochrane further said that I could have said bridge for the same amount of \$200. I then and there declined the offer."—Yes, he said that.

1852. What you swore to, to Mr. Barron, a little while ago, was that Mr. Cochrane made no further offer that night?—He never asked me any more.

1853. You said he made no further offer?—He did not get any further offer.

1854. And in this declaration you say he told you you might have the bridge for \$200 and you then and there declined the offer?—Yes; that is correct.

1855. Well, then, the other is not?—Well, he did not ask me any further—not that I recollect him saying that at all.

By Mr. Barron :

1856. That statement in the declaration is correct?—Yes, that is correct.
Mr OSLER—That is all the questions I have to ask this witness.

By Mr. Barron :

1857. You say Mr. Cochrane sent you with the letter to your relative Hedley?
—Yes.

1858. And Mr. Stanley was present at the time and knew the letter was going to Hedley from Mr. Cochrane?—Yes.

1859. Do you know whether he knew the contents of the letter?—I do not know.

1860. Did he see Mr. Cochrane after he got the letter?—Yes.

1861. Now in the eighth paragraph of the declaration you said “Subsequently said Cochrane sent to the said Hedley H. Simpson by me, a letter in which it was stated that said Hedley H. Simpson would be required, in order to secure the said appointment to give security for the payment of \$200, which letter I delivered to the said Hedley H. Simpson.” How did you know the statement that was in the letter?
—Well, I took the letter down to Herbert Simpson; he stays at Whitney, and he said that he would have to pay the money.

1862. Were you there when the letter was read?—Yes.

1863. The letter was read by whom?—I think it was read in the first place by Herbert Simpson’s wife. She is the one who read the letter first, I think.

1864. You all were there and heard it read?—Yes.

1865. You say that was what was in the letter?—That is what they told me was in the letter. That was what would be required in order to get the appointment.

1866. You did not read the letter yourself?—No.

1867. The letter was read when you took it there?—Yes.

1868. It was opened there?—The letter was not sealed up.

1869. The envelope was open?—Yes.

1870. In the presence of Hedley Simpson, Herbert Simpson, Herbert Simpson’s wife and yourself?—Yes. It was read by Herbert Simpson’s wife. Mrs. Herbert Simpson does the business—the reading and everything that is done in that way.

By Mr. Mulock :

1871. Then the letter, the envelope not being sealed, was read by Mrs. Herbert Simpson in the presence of yourself?—Yes; and Hedley when he found what was in the letter, asked me, what I thought he should do, and I said that he had better take it. Herbert Simpson said no, not to take it. Afterwards in a day or two, they wanted to know what I thought about it myself.

1872. What did you think about it?

Counsel objected.

1873. The eighth clause of the Declaration said: “Subsequently said Cochrane sent to the said Hedley H. Simpson by me a letter in which it was stated that Hedley H. Simpson would be required in order to secure the said appointment to give security for the payment of \$200. That was in the letter?—Yes.

1874. And the letter was sent by Mr. Cochrane. Now I propose to read this Declaration to the witness.

Counsel objected.

The Chairman ruled that only the paragraphs which had been read by Mr. Osler and the explanatory matter leading up to them should be read.

By Mr. Mulock :

1875. Will you hand me the Declaration? I see in another paragraph you say “Subsequently the said Edward Cochrane, then and now a member of the House of Commons as aforesaid, met me in Brighton and said they could not take \$150 for the said tender and that Stanley should not have agreed to take \$150. Said Cochrane

further told me that they had made other arrangements about the said bridge with one Wesley Goodrich, who had agreed to pay \$200 and give my father a life lease of his (Goodrich's) farm for his (Goodrich's) appointment as keeper of the said bridge said Cochrane further said that I could have said bridge for the same amount of \$200. I then and there declined the offer." Did he tell you that?—Yes. He told me that he had made other arrangements with regard to the bridge.

1876. You say: "They had made other arrangements about the said bridge with one Wesley Goodrich." Did he mention Wesley Goodrich's name to you?—Yes, I think he did. Before that my father told me about Wesley Goodrich.

1877. You had Wesley Goodrich's name in your mind from what your father told you?—Yes.

1878. It may be that you got the name of Wesley Goodrich from what your father told you and not from Mr. Cochrane to pay the \$200 "And give my father a life lease of his, (Goodrich's) farm for his (Goodrich's) appointment as keeper of the said bridge?"—Yes.

1879. Is that part of the affidavit correct?—I do not recollect having put it that way at all.

1880. Did someone tell you that you could not have the bridge for less than \$200?—I do not recollect.

1881. Were you present when the lease was executed?—No.

1882. Did you ever have any conversation with Mr. Cochrane about the lease?—No.

The Committee then adjourned.

COMMITTEE ROOM, THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 1891.

JOHN DOUGALL CLOUSTON, called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron:

1883. Do you occupy any official position on the Murray Canal?—I am a bridge tender.

1884. When were you appointed?—I can scarcely tell you with regard to the appointment.

1885. Do you not know when you were appointed?—I can tell you the date I was notified to take charge of the bridge.

1886. When was that?—A year ago on the 10th day of May last.

1887. The 10th of May, 1890?—Yes.

1888. You then received a notification to take charge of the bridge?—Yes—that is, the Superintendent told me.

1889. Who was the Superintendent?—Thomas P. Keeler.

1890. Where does he live?—At Brighton.

1891. Did he notify you of this verbally?—Yes.

1892. Had you any official communication at all from the Government that you were appointed?—No.

1893. Are you under anybody there—do you occupy your position under anybody?—I am under the Superintendent.

1894. You are under the Superintendent?—I consider myself so, but I do not know.

1895. How much money did you pay when you got this appointment Mr. Clouston?—I think some \$70 or \$75.

1896. You paid \$70 or \$75?—I think, I would not be positive.

1897. To whom did you pay that money?—To Mr. W. W. Webb.

1898. Did you tell Mr. Webb that you were instructed to pay any moneys. Mr. Webb has been examined?—Instructed?

1899. Yes?—No, I had no idea I was instructed.

1900. What did you tell Mr. Webb as to the balance?—I told him I would pay the balance as I went along.

1901. You told him you would pay the balance as you could?—Yes, the balance. I took upon myself to pay a certain amount, and I told him I would pay the balance.

1902. How much did you take upon yourself to pay?—I took upon myself to pay \$150.

1903. To whom were you to pay that?—To W. W. Webb.

1904. Who told you to pay it to W. W. Webb?—I don't know that anybody told me to pay it particularly to W. W. Webb.

1905. You say nobody told you particularly to pay it to W. W. Webb?—Yes.

1906. How did you come to go to W. W. Webb?—Well, I was aware that he had a note that had to be arranged and settled up.

1907. Who told you that there was a note there that had to be arranged and settled up?—I knew of my own certain knowledge.

1908. How were you aware of it?—Well, I suppose I was something like yourself, I was taking an interest in political matters.

1909. You knew this?—I knew that there was money to be paid by the Conservative Committee—that the money was to be refunded.

1910. You were not liable personally for the note?—I was under no obligation whatever as to the note I was then paying.

1911. Had you any conversation with anybody before giving the money to Mr. Webb—any conversation in which you were told that you were to pay it to him?—I do not know. These matters came up. I am one who has taken an interest in my party's cause. That is why it is.

1912. Well, we all know about that. Had you any conversation with anybody, Mr. Clouston, before paying that money to Mr. Webb—a conversation to the effect that you were to go and pay it to Mr. Webb?—(No answer.)

1913. Had you any conversation with anybody in regard to paying that money to Mr. Webb?—That is the same question over again.

1914. Well, I want you to answer it?—I have answered it already.

1915. Then answer it again? I ask you again, had you any conversation with anybody in regard to paying that money to Mr. Webb before you paid it to him?—The only way I can answer the question is, to say that we had a conversation with regard to conservative matters, and I knew how far the indebtedness went.

1916. You had a conversation?—We had a conversation with regard to that.

1917. With whom had you a conversation?—Why, with different ones. I could not begin to say who all of them were.

1918. Name one of them?—I don't know that I could name any particular one.

1919. You told us you had conversations?—Yes, but I could not mention any particular one in the whole affair. As I said before I was as big a toad in the puddle as there was amongst them.

1920. Do you wish the Committee to understand that nobody sent you to Mr. Webb to pay this money?—Nobody in particular. I was under no compulsion in any shape.

1921. How did you know that you were to pay this money to Mr. Webb?—I knew because I was aware of the indebtedness, and that we were all to contribute in order to liquidate the indebtedness.

1922. Mr. Webb says that you went to him and paid him this money, and that you were instructed to pay up the balance. Now, I want to know by whom you were instructed?—I do not know that I was instructed.

1923. Mr. Webb swears to that? Will you say that you did, or did not, tell Mr. Webb that?—I might have told him I was informed or directed to take up the note. Something like that, from knowing that the others had done the same.

1924. You say then that Mr. Webb is correct. But you say that instead of instructed you were informed or directed?—Yes. I am not aware of the conversation.

1925. If you were directed or informed, tell me who informed you or directed you?—I was informed by the general conversation that took place between one another. If I were to name the parties I would say that every bridge-tender had talked about the matter without exception.

1926. And you had only conversation with them?—With different ones. I might have had a conversation with Mr. Stanley.

1927. What did he tell you?—He told me that the others were doing this.

1928. Doing what?—Paying towards the liquidation of the indebtedness.

1929. When did he tell you that?—I could not say the time.

1930. After you were appointed or before?—Oh, after I was promised that appointment.

1931. When?—I told you before I did not know when I was appointed.

1932. You said it was on the 10th of May, 1889. When the appointment was promised you Mr. Stanley told you to go to Mr. Webb, and in the conversation he told you also that the others were paying?—Yes.

1933. That was after the appointment was promised but before you received it?—Yes, before I was notified to fill it.

1934. After you had received the promise, but before you were appointed or directed to take charge?—Yes.

1935. From whom did you receive the promise?—From Mr. Edward Cochrane.

1936. The promise of the position which you ultimately got?—Yes.

1937. But if you received the promise from Mr. Cochrane, it was Mr. Stanley who directed you to go to Mr. Webb?—I say it was by conversation.

1938. Yes, but you mentioned Mr. Stanley?—Well, I had a conversation with Mr. Stanley at his place.

1939. I want you to be particular and give me the names of some one with whom you had a conversation?—Well, if I cannot, how are you going to do.

1940. But you have given me the name of Stanley?—I cannot say who are the others. I won't undertake to give the names. It was done just in conversation.

1941. Of course, all these things are done in common conversation. Well, now, where was it that Mr. Stanley told you to go to Mr. Webb and pay this money?—I could not even tell you where that was.

1942. You don't recollect where that was?—I could not tell you where it was.

1943. Would it be in his hotel?—He was not keeping hotel at that time. It may have been on the sidewalk. Whoever was keeping hotel at the time—I could not say.

1944. Was anybody present when Mr. Stanley told you that?—Not that I am aware.

1945. You two were together?—There was no one with us or taking an interest or listening to our conversation that I know of.

1946. There was nobody listening?—Not that I am aware of.

1947. Was there anybody present?—There may have been.

1948. Who may have been?—Well, I do not know, Mr. Barron.

1949. You don't know?—No. I don't commit all things to memory. My memory is not as good as a great many anyway.

1950. Did you see Mr. Cochrane in regard to the appointment?—I was talking with him.

1951. You say you had a conversation with him?—Yes, sir.

1952. You had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane, the member of East Northumberland?—Yes, I say I had conversations with Mr. Cochrane.

1953. And what was said at that conversation, or at anyone of the conversations you had with Mr. Cochrane?—I don't know.

1954. You told us you had received the promise of an appointment from Mr. Cochrane, that is correct is it not?—Well, now, I hardly know how to give it. In the first place it is nearly a year ago. I first asked Mr. Cochrane if he was successful in being elected—that was after Mr. Keeler died. Mr. Crouter was here one session, and then, Mr. Cochrane after that defeated Mr. Crouter—going to the nomination; when there was to be nominated candidates, I asked Mr. Cochrane if he

was successful I would like him to remember me, in the way of getting me a bridge on the Canal. Mr. Cochrane never made me an answer aye, yes or no, at that time. The conversation that you are trying to get at was years after that. Mr. Cochrane and I drove to Colborne on that day. On our return in the evening he said: "Clouston I suppose you remember saying something with regard to an appointment on one of the bridges on the Murray Canal." I laughed. I says: "Yes, Cochrane, I thought you had forgotten it because you did not mention it since." He says: "I gave you no answer at that time." I says: "I know you did not." "Well, now," says he: "there is a bridge for you on the Murray Canal." That is all the conversation.

1955. That was years after the first conversation, you say?—Years after the first conversation.

1956. Can you locate the time?—I could not. I have been trying to think it over and I cannot.

1957. You can within a year?—The year that Mr. Cochrane said there was a bridge for me you want?

1958. Yes? When was that, it must have been before the 10th May 1890?—More than a year before that I should say.

1959. Had any other persons received their appointments as bridge tenders at that time, when you received the promise from Mr. Cochrane?—I never received the appointment from Mr. Cochrane. When the appointment was made I cannot say. I was merely notified to take charge of the bridge.

1960. But you received the promise of an appointment from Mr. Cochrane?—Yes.

1961. Can you tell me at the time you received the promise of an appointment from Mr. Cochrane, whether other bridge tenders were appointed?—Not that I am aware of?

1962. Were there others who had received the promise of an appointment so far as you are aware?—Not that I am aware of.

1963. Who was present at that conversation?—Nobody.

1964. Nobody but you?—No; I was driving along in the buggy between Mr. Cochrane's residence and Colborne.

1965. How did you come to meet with Mr. Cochrane?—I have told you that.

1966. How did you come to meet him in the first place?—We met, as we often used to. He was going to Colborne and I ask him to give me a lift.

1967. Were you at his place before you started to go to Colborne?—I don't remember whether I started from his place.

1968. Do you live close together?—Not far apart.

1969. You may have gone to his place?—I may have gone to his place, or I may have got in at my own gate.

1970. What was your object in going to Colborne?—It may have been for a plug of tobacco for all I know.

1971. Can you tell me if, when you went to Colborne, whether you had any conversation with Mr. Cochrane, regarding other people being appointed?—No, sir.

1972. None at all?—None that I am aware of.

1973. There was no discussion about others being appointed?—Not that I can draw to my recollection now, not a bit of it.

1974. Was there any conversation about raising party funds at all?—No, sir.

1975. Not at that time?—Not a word.

1976. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane since that time about raising party funds?—I may have had.

1977. How are they to be raised according to your conversation?—I thought I explained that.

1978. I say, according to your conversation with Mr. Cochrane, how were they to be arranged?—I do not remember that we had any conversation particularly, but I say we may have. I do not recollect that we had any particularly.

1979. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Cochrane about raising party funds.—We may have spoken of it. No doubt, we have.

1980. Now, you have no doubt you have had conversations with Mr. Cochrane about raising party funds?—Altogether likely.

1981. If you had conversation in regard to it, how, according to the conversations, were the funds be raised?—I think he may have said that others were talking it over in regard to this old indebtedness—that others were taking a part of it. He may have said that.

1982. What old indebtedness?—This old protest cost, run up there between Mr. James Ferris and William Wade.

1983. And what others?—Other bridge tenders.

1984. Mr. Cochrane told you—

MR. OSLER objected.

1985. When he said to you that others were taking part in this old indebtedness, what others did he refer to?—I said that Cochrane may have said that others were taking part, and I think I said the others were bridge tenders.

1986. How much did he tell you the others were giving?—He may have said that they were giving \$150.

1987. Each?—Yes.

1988. Then did he say anything to you about giving \$150—because the others were going to give it, you know?—I do not recollect how that was.

1989. Just try and brush up your memory?—You see the way this whole thing came around, as I said before—I had been taking an interest in the movement of getting rid of this old indebtedness. I had even gone out in endeavours to collect.

1990. I know you were anxious. Did he say anything to you about paying the same sum as the other bridge tenders were paying?—He may have.

1991. Don't you think that he did say so?—I do not know that I had better think much about it,

Mr. OSLER objected that the witness was being led.

By Mr. Barron :

1992. You say he may have told you so on the occasion of that drive, that other bridge-tenders were paying \$150. Do you believe now that he did tell you so, on your oath?—I believe he may have said so, as I said before.

1993. To the best of your recollection, you say he may have said that other bridge-tenders were giving \$150?—Yes.

1994. On the occasion of that drive from his house to Colborne?—I do not say that.

1995. When was it then?—I think it was along in the fall.

1996. What fall?—The fall of the same year. I think it was a year ago last fall.

1997. That was before you paid the money?—I was on the bridge long before I had paid the money.

1998. But the conversation you had with Mr. Cochrane—?—I do not say that I had a conversation. I said I may have had a conversation.

1999. What did you ask Mr. Cochrane?—At what time?

2000. In the fall, at the conversation you referred to?—I did not ask him for anything.

2001. What value did you get for that money and the promise to pay the balance to Mr. Webb?—I do not know that I got any value.

2002. You got the promise of a bridge?—I do not think I got the promise of a bridge from liquidating a part of that old debt.

2003. But you got the bridge on paying the money?—I paid a little money.

2004. Out of your salary as bridge-tender?—Some of it may have come out of my salary.

2005. Would you have paid that money but for getting the bridge?—I think in all probability I would, provided there was necessity for it. I think probably I would.

2006. You think probably. Would you?—Yes I think so.

2007. Then how would you have paid it, seeing that a portion was paid out of your salary as bridge tender?—I say some of it may have been out of the salary, and some from some other source.

2008. How could you have paid it in any event, then, if you had not got the bridge?—I would have had to get it from something else.

2009. You had a conversation with Stanley, you say?—I may have had; I think in all probability I had.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron):

2010. Are you a member of this committee of the Conservative Association there?—Which committee do you refer to?

2011. This standing committee which they have for the purpose of making recommendations for political purposes generally. Do you know anything about a political committee in that Riding at all?—I believe that there is a committee.

2012. Do you know it, as a matter of fact?—I never dealt with them as a committee. I had no conversation with the committee.

2013. Are you a committee man yourself?—Not in that matter.

2014. In any matter politically?—I have been.

2015. Have you been for the last three years a member of any political committee?—I do not think I have, sir.

2016. You are not connected or associated with them in any way?—No, sir.

2017. Did you know that this debt existed against the committee?—Against the party?

2018. Well, against the party or the committee?—Yes, I was aware of it.

2019. How long ago was that?—When it was first incurred?

2020. Yes.—I was on the original note.

2021. You knew it was existing against the committee—the committee which recommended you for the position of bridge tender?—Yes.

2022. How much did you pay on the note before you got the bridge?—I could not say.

2023. Did you pay anything?—I suppose I did.

2024. Do you swear you paid a farthing?—Yes, sir.

2025. When?—I think on two different occasions I gave a dollar.

2026. On two different occasions you subscribed a dollar on the reduction of this indebtedness?—Yes.

2027. When?—I cannot tell you when.

2028. Two, three, four or five years ago?—Well, the first drive I took on it—

2029. The first dollar drive you took on it?—I did not pay a dollar.

2030. I am talking of the time you paid a dollar?—I am trying to get at the time you want to know. It was the time Mr. Cochrane was elected, and was down here. I went out, and endeavoured to muster what I could towards that affair. It was just after he was elected over Mr. Crouter.

2031. What election was it?—Some of you gentlemen will remember it better than I would. I cannot commit that to my memory.

2032. Did you yourself contribute to the fund at that time?—Yes.

2033. How much?—I gave a dollar at that time.

2034. Was that the first time?—Yes.

2035. When was the next time?—The next time was when the protest was going on at Colborne.

2036. That is the Ferris protest?—Yes, the protest between Ferris and Wade.

2037. That is eight or nine years ago?—Yes. I think the other that I remember, was when I saw Mr. Cochrane.

2038. Have you given anything since 1886 until you gave this generous donation of \$150?—I cannot tell when I paid that dollar.

2039. Have you paid anything since you gave that dollar?—I paid towards the indebtedness.

2040. You knew the indebtedness was standing all along?—Yes.

2041. You knew it was not paid until you got the bridge?—It is not paid yet.

2042. So that in eight years you gave two dollars towards paying off the indebtedness, and then you paid \$75 to Webb?—Yes.

2043. Have you paid the other \$75?—I do not owe him \$75 now.

2044. How much do you owe him?—I think he figured it up last evening. I think he said it was \$51.

1045. Who figured it up?—Mr. Webb. I think he said \$51 was still outstanding.

2046. That is your share which you have still to pay?—I took it upon myself to pay it.

2047. Then you paid the whole of the \$150, except \$51? That is it; is it not?—That is what he informed me last night.

2048. Who told you first you were to be appointed bridge tender?—I said, Mr. Cochrane said there was a bridge for me.

2049. Mr. Cochrane was the first man that mentioned to you that you were going to be appointed?—Yes.

2050. You had no notice from the committee about it?—No.

2051. You did not speak to any member of the committee about it?—No.

2052. Did Mr. Webb speak to you about it?—No.

2053. Nor you to Mr. Webb?—About the bridge? No, sir.

2054. When you went to Webb did you tell him you were paying him \$75 on the bridge?—I told him I had taken upon myself to pay \$150 on that \$300 note.

2055. The note had then been reduced to \$300?—Yes.

2056. You told him you had taken it upon yourself to pay \$150 on the \$300 note?—Yes.

2057. With whom did you undertake to do that?—I said I undertook it upon myself.

2058. With whom? You said you undertook it. You must have undertaken it with somebody?—I do not know who the other was. I am not personally aware, to my own certain knowledge, who the other was.

2059. You said you went to Webb and told him that you had undertaken to pay \$150 on this \$300 note? With whom did you undertake it?—(No answer.)

2060. It is quite clear you must have undertaken it with somebody. Who was it? Try and refresh your memory? Did you never undertake with yourself to do something without going to someone else?—If I saw fit to undertake to pay \$200 or \$300 I could make that undertaking with myself.

2061. Did you undertake with any body? You said to Mr. Webb: "I am going to pay the \$150 that I undertook." With whom did you undertake?—Well, I don't know that I can say.

2062. I want to know that. You had no conversation with any body about the bridge, except Mr. Cochrane?—No; he was the only man.

2063. Then, when you said that you had undertaken to pay \$150 of the \$300, with whom did you undertake?—Well, whoever took the balance.

2064. It is not a question of balance at all?—It may have been Mr. William Brown.

2065. It is not a question of balance. It is a question with whom did you undertake to pay the \$150?—I undertook it myself, so far as that goes.

2066. Yes, I know you undertook yourself. But I want to know with whom?—There was no one in connection with the matter.

2067. How did you know the amount of the note itself?—How did I know the amount of the note?

2068. Yes, how did you know the amount due upon the note?—I was aware by conversation with different ones—by talking with different parties.

2069. How did you become aware that there was a balance of \$300 outstanding on the amount?—Mr. Webb told me.

2070. But you said "I have come to pay the \$150 that I undertook to pay upon the \$300." Who told you about the \$300?—I cannot tell you any further.

2071. Did Mr. Cochrane tell you?—Perhaps he did. Very likely.

2072. You know whether he did or not?—We have all sorts of conversations on one thing or another. I don't know that we had on this particular affair.

2073. I want to know if Mr. Cochrane told you the amount of the balance due on the note?—He might have done so.

2074. That is not an answer. He might have gone to Jericho, but he didn't. What did he tell you?—Supposing I say I don't know?

2075. Well, do so?—Then, I don't know.

2076. I am sorry I suggested that to you. Will you swear that Mr. Cochrane did not tell you?—I won't swear that he did not, nor will I swear that he did.

2077. Will you tell me any body who told you the amount due on the note?—I had conversations with others.

2078. I know you had conversations with others. Who were the others?—Stanley was one.

2079. Did James Stanley tell you before he went away?—I think, very likely, he did.

2080. I don't want you to think. I want you to be certain. Had you any conversation with Stanley about it at all?—I think I had.

2081. Will you swear you had?—I won't swear either way.

2082. Had you any conversation with Stanley about the amount due upon the note?—It is quite likely.

2083. Had you any conversation with Stanley about the bridge?—I think so.

2084. Your memory is getting a little better. You say it is quite likely you had?—I think so.

2085. Did you know that Stanley was one of this Committee who did the business for East Northumberland?—Not of my personal knowledge, but I understood that he was.

2086. Having paid \$2 in eight years for the benefit of the party you agreed to pay \$150 at one particular time and shortly afterwards you got the bridge?—I did.

2087. When you paid the \$75, did you give any obligation as to the balance?—No. Not a scrap.

2088. You simply told Mr. Webb that you would pay the balance?—I told to Mr. Webb "I am going to pay it up as I can."

2089. Pay the \$150?—Yes.

2090. I think you said that Mr. Cochrane told you that the other bridge-tenders were helping to pay the indebtedness?—Yes. I think he said so.

2091. Did he or did he not?—I think probably he did.

2092. And at the conversation he told you that you were going to be appointed a bridge-tender?—Yes.

2093. That took place when he told you that there was a bridge for you?—No. I think it was probably afterwards.

2094. Was it in the fall when you were driving back to Colborne that he told you that there was a bridge. Was that the time he told you that he had a bridge?—What time?

2095. The time you were driving from Colborne?—Yes.

2096. Can you charge your memory to tell what took place on the subsequent conversation with you?—Oh, we talked about a good many things.

2097. You talked about bridges particularly?—No, not particularly at all.

2098. Did you not talk about bridges?—I think I got a statement with regard to further bridges.

2099. I think I understood you to say that Mr. Cochrane was the only man you had a conversation with until you went to pay the money?—Well, "until" I think I said that.

2100. This is what you told me, that Mr. Cochrane was the only man you had a conversation with about the bridge until you went to pay the money?—He was not there when I went.

2101. He was the only man you saw until you went?—Yes, that I can remember.

2102. You say that you were informed or directed to pay the money to Mr. Webb. Mr. Webb says that you were instructed. You say you were informed or directed to pay the money to Mr. Webb?—It was a voluntary affair.

2103. But you said you were informed or directed?—I suppose that is correct.

2104. You suppose that is correct?—Yes.

2105. Then Mr. Webb is inaccurate in saying that you were instructed? Counsel objected.

2106. Then you were directed, or informed, to pay the money to Mr. Webb?—I could not exactly say I was told, because it was more of a voluntary movement of my own.

2107. How did you come to pay it unless somebody told you to do it?—I don't know that any body told me to do it.

2108. How did you arrive at the identical sum the other bridge tenders were paid?—I could not tell you. We had conversation one with another, between ourselves.

By Mr. Mulock :

2109. You learned that was the tariff?—In a kind of a way.

By Mr. Barron :

2110. Who did you learn that from?—From a conversation between ourselves; I could not tell you any one in particular.

2111. Then you must have had conversations with other than Mr. Cochrane, before you paid?—I dare say I did.

By Mr. German :

2112. You were on the original note for \$1,000?—Yes.

2113. Do you know how that note was retired?—I do not.

2114. You do not know?—Not to my knowledge.

2115. It was done without any knowledge of yours?—Not to my personal knowledge; I don't know how it was paid.

2116. You did not go on any new notes to retire the \$1,000 note?—No.

2117. At the time you were discussing this \$150, and these bridges, did you know whether or not there was any other note except the one held to be paid?—Well, from conversation I understood there was other notes.

2118. Other notes?—One or two.

2119. Did you know who held them?—I don't know that I could arrive at that. I imagined that one was in the bank at Colborne; that was what I understood.

2120. From whom, do you know?—Well, I did not want to have anything to say about it.

2121. Who told you that there were other notes than the one Webb held?—I don't know that I could name any particular one.

2122. Was that discussed between you?—From conversation as I dare say you would do yourself.

2123. Was that discussed between you and Mr. Cochrane at this fall meeting?—No, sir, not that I remember; I don't remember about it.

2124. Was there any discussion as to the full amount then due on the old indebtedness?—No, sir.

2125. It was just in regard to the note held by Webb?—As I said before, we may have talked upon what was remaining still due on Webb's notes.

2126. Not about the Colborne note?—I don't think we had any conversation about that at all.

By Mr. Mulock :

2127. Why did you not pay more money on this party indebtedness, prior to your paying this money to Mr. Webb?—I was not born with a silver spoon in my mouth to begin with, I had to go according to my means.

2128. Why did you not pay more money on the note that Mr. Webb had, prior to your having to pay this \$75, and undertaking to pay another \$75?—What was the question? You have got me all muddled, I am almost nervous.

2129. I should think you would not mind the muddled part of it?—You have got me mixed.

2130. I was just asking you for curiosity, how it was you did not make any substantial payment on this note before you made the payment in 1890?—No substantial payment?

2131. You told Mr. Cameron you only gave \$2 in eight years, and in 1890 you paid \$50 and \$25, and in 1891 something more. Now, I want to know why you did not make payments prior to making this bridge payment?—I did not do it, that is all I can say. I don't know hardly how to answer.

2132. Only that you did not do it?—I did not happen to do it.

2133. But you had been around trying to make others pay before this?—I never tried to make no man pay. If you had been a Tory I would have been after you in that way.

2134. Does a Tory collector forget to call himself?—He can turn himself inside out if he wishes to.

2135. Why did you not yourself contribute to the party until you got the bridge?—I went according to my means.

2136. Then you had no money to contribute until you got the promise of the bridge?—I don't know; I could not say.

2137. Was that the reason?—About.

2138. Well, was it or was it not the reason?—About, I tell you, sir.

2139. About the best reason you can give any way. You think it is the reason?—I think it is about as good as I can get up anyway.

2140. Mr. Stanley told us that a convention, two or three years ago had arranged for the appointment of a committee to appoint people to these bridge offices on the canal, and that the leading men were appointed to that committee—the leading men in the party?—I did not happen to be one.

2141. You did not get on that committee?—I did not happen.

2142. Did you ever know about that committee being appointed?—I told you, sir, I think I heard about it; but of my personal knowledge I cannot say who was on the committee.

2143. They did not consult you about the appointment of that committee?—No, they did wrong that time.

2144. And you only know from hearsay about this committee?—That is all, sir.

2145. They did not consult you about the appointments, and you would not recognize that committee. I suppose Mr. Cochrane was responsible in connection with that appointment, was he not? This came straight from Mr. Cochrane to you, did it not?—Which, this appointment?

2146. This appointment?—No, sir, I don't think it did. I don't know when the appointment was made, and I never had any written appointment in my life. That is what I wondered about you, gentlemen, whether that is your way of doing business. I did not look upon it as an appointment at all.

2147. Did the committee have anything to do with your getting the appointment?—Not that I am aware of.

2148. Do you know a man named William Brown, who is a bridge-keeper?—Yes.

2149. You know him pretty well, don't you?—Yes.

2150. How long have you known him?—I have known him since the 10th of May last, when I first began work.

2151. You know how much he was paid?—I don't know anything about what any other person done, more than what I done myself.

2152. Did you ever hear that Brown was going to make a payment on a note for the party indebtedness?—I think probably I did.

2153. Did you hear what amount he was going to pay?—I do not know as to that.

2154. Do you know how much he did pay?—I do not know that he paid any.

2155. Did you ever hear that he agreed to pay \$150?—I think some of my neighbours told me he was doing that, or had done it.

2156. Do you remember Mr. Cochrane telling you he had paid it?—No, sir.

2157. Your memory brightens up when it touches your pocket. Do you remember Mr. Stanley telling you?—I think probably he did. I think Mr. Webb once spoke to me about it.

2158. Which Mr. Webb?—W. W. Webb.

By Mr. Osler :

2159. How long have you been working for the Conservative party in that neighbourhood?—I cannot say.

2160. You have always worked that way?—Yes.

2161. Have you been a hard worker?—I did what I could.

2162. You are the party who paid \$39 on this note in 1886. I see an instalment on this note:—"Received from John Clouston, \$39." You are the John Clouston mentioned there. Do you remember paying that \$39?—I paid the money to Mr. Webb himself, but I took no memorandum.

2163. You would be the John Clouston?—Yes.

2164. That would be the occasion of your going around to collect what you could for the purpose of reducing the debt?—Yes.

2165. You went around more than once to collect?—Only once to apply on this note? That I cannot remember.

2166. But you have gone around to collect for party purposes on other occasions?—At the time the protests were going on I was out once or twice.

2167. There is a good deal of politics done in East Northumberland?—They are pretty warm over it.

2168. You have an election trial about once a year down there. You had special trouble about the local elections—a good many local elections and election trials?—Yes, sir.

2169. You took your office on the 10th May, 1890?—I was requested to take charge of the bridge on that date.

2170. That would be the opening of navigation?—I think the Government assumed the work a little before navigation.

2171. The Government was assuming the canal and you took charge of the bridge assigned to you in time for the opening of navigation?—They had been navigating before that.

2172. How long before the 10th May, 1890, had you been told by Mr. Cochrane that there was a bridge for you?—I think this was in May, and it must have been as far back as July or August of the year previous.

2173. Ten months before, in the year 1889?—It was just after my daughter was buried.

2174. It would be some time in the year before?—Yes.

2175. Was there any condition or stipulation attached to the statement that there was a bridge for you? Did he say what you had to do?—Not a word.

2176. Did he put a condition to it?—Not one word.

2177. Did any one ask you to pay this \$150, or was it voluntary on your part?—It was a voluntary offer among ourselves, knowing that the party was involved in the way they were.

2178. Was there with anybody a condition that you should pay the \$150 if you got the bridge?—Not that I can bring to my memory.

2179. You say that Mr. Cochrane told you that you could have the bridge without conditions, and considering the way the party were involved you concluded voluntarily to pay the \$150?—That was the way I undertook it, as far as I was concerned.

By Mr. Mulock :

2180. What did you undertake to pay?—When first I went on pay.

2181. You made the first payment on the 7th June, 1890?—That is the first payment I made.

2182. When did you undertake to pay it?—I cannot say when. It was when I made up my mind to do so.

2183. It was when you knew you were going to get an office to enable you to pay it?—Very likely.

2184. That was a year ago last May?—That was the time I went on.

2185. And it was agreed before you knew you were going to get the office?—Yes.

2186. When you and Mr. Cochrane were coming home from Colborne, he told you could have it?—Yes.

2187. Knowing you were going to get the office, you then determined to undertake to pay \$150, but of course you could not pay it until you got the office. You had to wait until you got the salary to make the payment?—Very likely.

2188. Was that so or not?—I think probably it was.

2189. The money you paid was your salary?—A portion of it was. Perhaps some of it was not.

2190. I understood you to say you would not have been able to make the payments without the aid of the office?—Very likely not.

2191. Is it so without any probability? Could you have made the payment without the salary of the office?—You want me to expose my poverty; that is what it seems to me.

2192. The matter of fact is, did you not make any payment until you got your salary?—No.

By Mr. Osler :

2193. What had been your occupation?—Farmer.

2194. Did you farm?—Yes.

By Mr. Barron :

2195. You paid \$39 on that note?—When this gentleman read it, I could not recall to my mind about it.

2196. Can you recollect it now?—I am not going to swear to it.

2197. That was the time you collected different moneys by subscription from different parties?—Yes.

2198. You went round and got subscriptions?—Yes.

2199. None of that was your own money?—I think I told you some time ago about it.

2200. All you gave was \$2?—I do not think I told you that.

2201. You said \$1 at one time, and \$1 at another?—I think \$1 went into this.

2102. You think one dollar of that \$39 was your own?—Yes.

C. D. VANALSTINE called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

2203. You live in the East Riding of the County of Northumberland?—Yes.

2204. What is your occupation now?—I am working on the section.

2205. What section?—The tow path of the Murray Canal.

2206. Were you an applicant for the position of bridge keeper or tender?—I never made none.

2207. You never made any application?—No.

2208. Did you pay \$150, to anybody?—I did.

2209. To whom?—I deposited it with James Stanley to help wipe off the debt of a protest.

2210. That was the object?—That was the object with me.
2211. Did it go to that object?—No, sir.
2212. Why not?—I cannot tell you that.
2213. Was it returned to you?—Yes, sir.
2214. So that after you paid the \$150, with the object of wiping off the cost of the protest the money was returned to you?—Yes.
2215. By whom was it returned?—James Stanley.
2216. Why was it returned to you?—I cannot tell you, sir.
2217. You cannot say?—No, sir.
2218. At that time were you not trying to get an office as bridge keeper on the Murray Canal?—No, sir, I was not trying at all. I was promised this years before this Murray Canal was done.
2219. By whom were you promised the position?—By Mr. Cochrane.
2220. Mr. Edward Cochrane, the member for the East Riding of Northumberland?—Yes, sir.
2221. You were promised the position of what?—He asked me if I would like a bridge. I says to him—He did not put it in that way—He says: Would you like to have a Government berth? I said yes, if I can fulfil it. He mentioned the Murray Canal, I said that had been a hobby horse and people had carried it all through the riding, and that I did not believe it would be built. He said it would surely go on, —just as sure as he was standing there. He said: “The contract is made out, and all they have to do is to sign it.” This was in August, and the first sod was turned in September following. I never passed a word with Mr. Cochrane from that day to this. I supposed from what he said that I would get a bridge if there were any appointments made.
2222. Mr. Cochrane promised you a bridge?—He asked me how I would like to have a bridge.
2223. What did he say?—He said he thought he could get me a bridge if he was in power.
2224. Then you expected it?—Yes.
2225. When was it that that conversation took place?—It was the year the canal was commenced. It was some time in August—the month before the first sod was turned.

By the Chairman :

2226. When was the canal commenced?—Nine years ago.

By Mr. Barron :

2227. It was the month before the first sod was turned?—Yes.
2228. You paid \$150 to Mr. Stanley?—I did.
2229. Where did you pay that money?—In Brighton.
2230. Where in Brighton—in his hotel?—Yes.
2231. Who were present when you paid it?—I do not think there was anybody present.
2232. How did you come to go there to pay it?—This was the understanding—that we were to help wipe this debt off. I paid him \$50—I only had \$50 with me; but when I saw there were all willing to pay more, I thought I would not be behind, and I would pay as much as anybody else to help wipe off the debt of the Conservative party, and I paid this other \$100.
2233. It was the understanding that you were all to pay?—I do not know it was an understanding with all. It was an understanding with me, however, to help pay off the debt.
- 2233½. If there was an understanding it must have been between you and some other persons?—No other person. No others ever said what they would pay or what I would pay.
2234. You had no conversation with anybody before you went to Brighton to pay the money?—I had.

2235. With whom?—With Stanley.

2236. Did he send for you or did you go to him?—He sent for me. The gentleman who came down said Mr. Stanley wanted me to come up.

2237. Who told you to come up?—Bob Orr, I think they call him. He did not tell me himself; it was one of the men on the canal who told me that Mr. Stanley wanted me to go up.

2238. You do not remember that man's name?—No.

2239. In pursuance of that request you went to see Mr. Stanley?—Yes; I went up to see what he wanted.

2240. You did not know what he wanted when you went there?—No.

2241. What did he inform you when you saw him?—He asked me if I was willing to help wipe the debt off. I told him I was.

2242. Did he say how much you were to give?—No.

2243. How did you arrive at the sum of \$150?—Afterwards.

2244. When afterwards?—A few days afterwards. I could not say exactly how long.

2245. With whom did you arrive at that sum? Whom did you talk to about the sum of \$150?—This man Stanley.

2246. Did he tell you that that was the amount of money each had to pay?—I am not certain about it.

2247. What did he tell you?—He asked me if I was willing to give \$150 to wipe the debt off, and I told him yes.

2248. The amount was fixed by him?—I could not say. He mentioned it.

2249. Did you then and there give him the money?—I told you before, I gave him \$50 at that time, all I had.

2250. When did you pay the balance to him?—Some three or four days after; I did not note it down.

2251. You paid \$100 three or four days after that?—Yes; after that.

2252. And this, you say, was to go to pay off the party liability?—I understood it was to pay it off.

2253. You gave it solely with that end in view?—With the object of wiping off the protest indebtedness.

2254. With no other object?—With no other object.

2255. If that was your sole object, why did you let it go?—Other parties wanted the bridge, and they handed me my money back. I would be a fool if I had not taken it.

2256. You did not get the position?—No.

2257. And that is the reason why the money came back to you?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock :

2258. Can you fix the date when you paid this \$150?—I cannot.

2259. Can you say the year?—I think it must have been about two years ago. I would not say for certain.

2260. Do you remember what bridge you were to get?—No.

2261. You cannot tell what particular bridge?—No.

2262. This was about two years ago?—I think it was.

2263. How long was the amount deposited before you got it back?—I really could not answer that question; it was only a short time.

2264. A few months or a few weeks?—I think it was not months; it was over a few weeks.

2265. Who gave it back to you?—Mr. Stanley.

2266. What explanation did Mr. Stanley give you?—He said there were other parties who wanted the bridge, and that it would be better if they got it. Most likely they would have done better than I could do, to get the bridge.

2267. Did the Committee pass on your application?—No.

2268. Were you called before the Committee?—No; I was not.

2269. Did you know that there was a Committee?—I heard that there was a Committee. Mr. Stanley told us about a Committee that passed on applications.

2270. What was the amount that each bridge keeper paid?—I cannot tell you that; I cannot answer that question.

By Mr. Osler :

2271. Have you been a contributor to the party funds before?—Yes, sir; I have paid into them all my life since I was 21 years old.

2272-3. Have you taken a strong interest in politics?—I have.

2274. On the Conservative side?—Yes.

2275. You have always been a worker?—Yes.

2276. And contributed according to your means?—Yes.

2277. Had you any conversation with reference to this, except what took place this nine years ago?—No; I never saw Mr. Cochrane and never asked him for anything. He never asked me a dollar for the bridge or anything else. As I have told you before, on that occasion he asked me these words: "How would you like to get a position under the Government?" I said: "Very well, if I could get it." Then he repeated just what I said before about getting the position as bridge-tender.

2278. And that is at least nine years ago?—Yes; nine years ago.

By Mr. Barron :

2279. You said you contributed to the funds before this?—Yes.

2280. How much?—I gave \$5—that is the last contribution.

2281. To whom did you give it?—It was to Stanley, at Trenton—at the time of the races, after dinner.

2282. Towards the election funds, was it?—No; towards wiping this debt off.

2283. Did you ever get that \$5 back again?—No; I daresay he put it in his pocket.

2284. How much did you subscribe to the association?—I cannot tell.

2285. Give us an idea how much?—I never kept a diary.

2286. How much did you give?—I am not able to answer that question.

2287. Would it be \$50 altogether?—I cannot say.

2288. Would it be \$100?—I cannot say.

2289. Would it be more than \$10?—I cannot say.

2290. Will you answer the question?—No. I won't swear to 5 cents nor to a dollar.

2291. You swear that you remember the \$5 transaction?—Yes.

2292. But you won't swear that you remember any other transaction?—No.

2293. Will you swear that there was any other transaction—any other occasion that you gave funds for party purposes?—No; not on this protest. I cannot tell you what I have done thirty years ago.

2294. Thirty years ago you might have subscribed?—I believe so.

2295. That is the only recollection you have besides the \$150 or the \$5 transaction?—Yes.

2296. You did not get that back?—No.

By Mr. German :

2297. Were you at the Convention where this Committee was appointed?—No.

2298. Did you ever hear of this Committee being appointed at the Convention?—I did not.

2299. Was there any understanding between you and Stanley that if you did not get the bridge you would get the money back?—I don't know. I would not swear positively that there was or that there was not.

2300. You could not afford to pay \$150 out of your pocket without getting something for it?—No.

2301. You expected to get a return for it?—I thought if I could get the bridge I would be willing to give \$150.

2302. That is all right enough. I suppose the understanding was that if you did not get the bridge, you would get the money back?—I think so.

By Mr. Mulock :

2303. No bridge, no money? Is that it?—No answer.

By Mr. German :

2304. It was generally understood amongst those who were candidates for the bridges that they would have to pay towards the election funds if they got a bridge?—I do not know the understanding with any other party. This was the understanding with me.

2305. But your understanding was that all those who were applying for bridges were to give \$150?—That is what I heard.

2306. You had to put up the money with the others?—No; there was nothing of that kind.

2307. You have told us that you gave \$150. You did not want to be behind the others?—I gave \$150.

2308. And you did not want to be behind the others. You thought that if you were behind the others you would get no bridge?—I suppose I gave what I was to give. As I said before, I gave \$150.

By Mr. Mulock :

2309. Did you hear about the price going up afterwards?—I think they raised it from \$150 to \$200.

2310. You did not hear that they could not pay the \$900 with four bridges at that price?—I did not.

2311. You would not have thought it fair if they had kept your \$150 without giving the bridge?—It would have hurt me a little. But I would not have squealed.

2312. You think Mr. Stanley would not have been doing a fair thing to you?—I never knew of the Conservative party doing anything wrong.

2313. Oh, you didn't. Where have you been living for the last three months?—That has carried me through life.

2314. Would you have thought it fair if Stanley had kept the money without your getting the bridge?—Well, as I said before, I would not have squealed.

2315. No; you would not have squealed, but would you have thought it was a fair thing if they had not given you the money back when you did not get the bridge?—I do not know.

2316. You did not think you were doing the party any injustice when you took the \$150 back?—No.

2317. Did you consider that you were doing the right thing in taking your money back?—Yes, I did. Certainly, I would not have given it if I had thought that it would injure myself. If there had not been enough I would have given my share.

2318. But you could not conveniently give this amount?—No.

2319. It was a matter of no bridge, no money, with you.—No, no.

2320. It was not defined that you should pay \$150 unless you got the bridge?—Well, no.

2321. Therefore you gave the money and you got the bridge?—(No answer.)

WILLIAM MASON called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

2322. You are a farmer living at Presqu'Isle Point?—Yes, sir.

2323. Did you apply for a position as bridge-keeper on the Murray Canal?—Well, I don't know as I have, but I kind of talked it over.

2324. Do you know Mr. Bronson who lives at Newcomb Mills?—No, sir.
2325. Nobody of that name?—No, sir.
2326. Did you, or did you not, apply for the position of bridge tender?—No, sir, I don't know that I did.
2327. But you had a conversation?—Yes.
2328. With whom?—With Mr. Stanley.
2329. Who else.—With Mr. Cochrane?
2330. Who is Mr. Cochrane?—Edward Cochrane, Member of Parliament.
2331. What was the nature of your conversation with Mr. Cochrane?—I asked him if I could have a bridge and he told me no, that I could not.
2332. That you could not have a bridge?—Yes, sir.
2333. Is that all he said to you?—Well, not exactly all.
2334. What else did he say to you?—He said the bridges were calculated for poor men, and he thought I could live without it.
2335. Is that all he said?—That is all he said.
2336. You are quite sure of that?—I am quite sure of that.
2337. Did he say anything about it being necessary to pay anything to clear off old debts, in conversation with you?—No, sir.
2338. Nothing whatever?—Nothing whatever.
2339. Did you ever tell Mr. Bronson that he had?—No, sir.
2340. You don't know him?—No, sir.
2341. You never walked with him?—No, sir, not to my knowledge.
2342. You never told Mr. Bronson, that Mr. Cochrane had said to you that it was necessary to pay \$150 to clear off old debts?—No, sir, not that Mr. Cochrane told me so.
2343. Did Mr. Cochrane tell you so?—No, sir, he never did.
2344. Did you pay \$150?—No, I did not.
2345. To anybody?—No; to nobody.
2346. Did you give any money to any person in connection with the bridge?—No, sir.
2347. Do you know Mr. David C. Bullock?—Yes, sir.
2348. Did you pay him any money?—No, sir.
2349. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all.
2350. Did you give any money to him in connection with the paying off of the liabilities of the Conservative party?—No, sir.
2351. Nor to any person at all?—No; to no person.
2352. Nor to Mr. Stanley?—No, sir.
2353. Nor to Mr. Thomas Webb?—No, sir.
2354. Nor to Mr. David C. Bullock?—No, sir; nor to anybody else.
2355. You had a conversation with Mr. Stanley, in addition to that conversation you had with Mr. Cochrane?—Yes, sir.
2356. What was your conversation with Mr. Stanley?—We talked about the business on the canal.
2357. What was the conversation in regard to it?—The conversation was that I would like to get one if I could.
2358. Did he tell you anything further?—Yes, sir.
2359. What further did he tell you?—He said if I got one I would have to pay \$150.
2360. What did you tell him?—I told him it was all right.
2361. Was that all he said?—About all. I told him it was all right, if I had to pay \$150 I would pay it.
2362. Then you were willing to pay \$150 to get the bridge?—Why, decidedly, yes.
2363. You did not refuse it?—No.
2364. Were you sent for then to pay the money?—No, sir.
2365. Where was that conversation?—At Stanley's hotel.

2366. Who was present?—No person that I know of except Mr. Stanley and myself.

2367. Can you remember when that was?—I cannot remember; about the time the bridges were being let.

2368. Then you had heard they were going at \$150 a piece?—Oh, yes.

2369. That was a common rumor I suppose?—Yes.

2370. Everybody knew it?—Yes.

2371. That the bridge tenders had to pay \$150 a piece—

Mr. OSLER—Don't lead him please.

2372. Did you then continue your application for one?—No, when I found out I could not get one I dropped the application.

2373. What was this \$150 to do?—To settle up some debt that was hanging over the party.

2374. Who told you that?—Mr. Stanley.

2375. To liquidate some debt that was hanging over the party?—Yes.

2376. And you were willing to liquidate the debt I suppose, by the payment of \$150?—Yes.

2377. Only if you got a bridge?—If I got a bridge I was.

2378. Not otherwise?—Not otherwise.

By Mr. Mulock :

2379. Did you not hear about the price of the bridges going up?—Oh nothing particular; nothing concerning me.

2380. At the time you were speaking of, the price was \$150 a bridge?—Yes.

2381. Afterwards the price went up a little?—I did hear some say they were up to \$200.

2382. Do you know when they raised?—No, I do not.

2383. Afterwards they had to go a little better than \$200. In one case we are told a man had to throw in a lot of land?—I don't know anything about that.

2384. But at the time you were negotiating, the quotation was \$150?—Yes.

2385. It was not at that time they told you they could not pay off \$900 with four bridges at \$150?—I never heard it.

2386. It must have been after they raised the price?—I never heard anything about the raising of the price.

2387. You did not pay your money?—No.

2388. You hung on to it?—I did not hang on to it.

2389. But you did not part with it?—No.

2390. You did not get the bridge?—No.

2391. You believed in "No bridge, no money?"—I did not pay it.

2392. Because you did not get the bridge?—Decidedly.

2393. In what capacity was Mr. Stanley talking to you about that bridge? When we are speaking about the bridge, we mean getting the position under the Government?—Exactly.

2394. How did Mr. Stanley come to speak to you about it at all? He seems to have spoken to you as a man in authority?—I do not know anything more than he took on himself about settling up this debt that was against the Conservative party.

2395. You knew about the debt?—Yes; decidedly.

2396. There was a committee?—Yes.

2397. Did you know who was on that committee?—Mr. Stanley was one.

2398. He was a prominent member of that committee?—It appears so, and that he was bound to pay off this debt.

2399. Did he seem to have something to say about who was to get the bridges?—I think not.

DAVID C. BULLOCK, called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

2400. Where do you live?—Brighton, Ont.

2401. An intimate personal friend of Mr. Cochrane?—A personal friend of Mr. Cochrane.

2402. Do you know of the existence of this committee that has been spoken of? There was a committee formed. Mr. Stanley belonged to that committee. Do you know anything about it?—I do.

2403. Were you a member of the committee?—I was.

2404. Who else were members of that committee?—Mr. Stanley, May, Adam Young, Phil. Lawson and myself. This is as far as I can recollect.

2405. Are these the names: May, Adam Young, Stanley, Lawson and yourself?—Yes.

2406. What were the duties of that committee?—The duties of the committee was to see if we could not appoint somebody on the canal for the bridges there.

2407. How much were each of them to give?—We exacted \$150 from every one of them. That is what we wanted.

2408. What were these people to get for the \$150 they were to pay?—I cannot swear to that.

2409. What was the \$150 to be given for?—It was to be given for our influence.

2410. Were you to put this \$150 in your pocket?—No.

2411. Who was to give \$150?—Everybody who got the appointment.

2412. And those who did not get the appointment were not to pay it?—Certainly not.

2413. Was any paid, do you know, by persons who did not get the appointment? Mr. Vanalstine paid some money, didn't he?—He did not pay it to me.

2414. But he paid it to somebody?—I do not know anything about that.

2415. Did Mr. William Mason pay any money to you?—He never gave me any money.

2416. Did he give you a note or anything?—No, sir; he did not.

2417. No valuable security of any kind?—No valuable security of any kind.

2418. You knew he was an applicant for the position?—I could not swear to that. He never asked me for the position. I am under oath now, and I cannot swear positively. He may have been an applicant. He never made any application to me.

2419. You, as one of the committee, knew he was an applicant for the position?—Yes, he would like to have a position. You must ask me definitely.

2420. It was the rule that those who were applicants should pay \$150?—I think it was.

2421. How did you come to arrive at the amount of \$150?—I cannot tell you.

2422. Was it, or was it not, in pursuance of that arrangement that Mr. Mason, being an applicant, should pay \$150?—Not that I know of. He did not pay me any money.

2423. Do you know whether he paid anybody any money?—I do not know that he paid anybody a cent.

2424. Or gave any valuable security?—I do not know that he did.

2425. Or promised to pay any money?—Or promised any, as far as my knowledge is concerned.

2426. You live in Brighton?—Yes.

2427. Did you see Mr. Cochrane last Friday or Saturday in Brighton?—I think I saw him on Monday.

2428. In Brighton?—Yes, I think I did.

2429. Did you discuss the matter of these proceedings with Mr. Cochrane?—None whatever.

2430. You had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane in Brighton?—What kind of a conversation?

2431. You met him last Monday in Brighton?—I may have met him. I think I did.

2432. In Brighton?—Yes.

2433. Did he tell you you were subpoenaed as a witness here?—He did not.

2434. How did you know it?—How did I know what?

2435. How did you know you would have to come here?—I had got my subpoena.

2436. You had no conversation with Mr. Cochrane?—None whatever.

2437. Had you any conversation at any time with Mr. Cochrane in relation to the work of the Committee we have been speaking of?—I cannot swear to that.

2438. Will you swear you never had—I mean at Brighton?—I could not swear to that.

2439. Did Mr. Cochrane know of its existence?—I could not swear to that.

2440. You do not know?—I could not swear to that.

2441. Do you know whether or not the work of the Committee was communicated to Mr. Cochrane at any time?—I could not swear to that.

2442. Did you take an active part in the committee yourself?—Yes.

By Mr. German :

2443. When was this Committee appointed?—I could not tell you.

2444. Were you at the convention at which it was appointed?—I think all the convention there was, was in my store.

2445. It was a self appointed Committee?—As far as I know it was.

2446. You just got together knowing that these bridges were to be let, and that this would be a good way to raise the money you wanted?—Certainly we did.

2447. You were not appointed a committee by the Conservative Convention of the riding?—No.

2448. Mr. Cochrane, I suppose, often drops into your store?—Why certainly; he comes in. He trades with me.

2449. He knew that you, friends of his, had formed yourselves into a committee to regulate the granting of these bridges?—I could not swear to that. I could not swear that he knew of this thing.

2450. You are convinced that he knew what was going on?—Yes, I was pretty well convinced, but I cannot swear to it.

2451. But you are convinced he knew, you men had formed yourselves into a committee to regulate the granting of these bridges?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock :

2452. Do you know Hedley Simpson?—Yes.

2453. He got the position of keeper of the Presqu'Isle light-house?—Yes.

2454. Do you know what he gave for that?—I do not.

2455. You do not know what the tariff was for the lighthouse?—No.

2456. Was it a different tariff for lighthouses than for bridges?—I could not swear to that.

2457. He told us he gave \$200 in two notes of \$100 each and that he brought them to Mr. Stanley, that Mr. Stanley cashed them and the money was given to Joseph Cochrane, and that Joseph Cochrane put it into the bank towards paying this party debt. Do you happen to know about that?—I do not know anything about that.

2458. Were you at the Committee meeting when Heldey's application came up?—I was not that I know of.

2459. What applications do you remember coming up before the Committee?—I cannot remember.

2460. Who had the bridges now? Let us get at the names. First of all tell me how many bridges there are?—Four.

2461. Who are in office there?—Mr. William Brown, Mr. Clouston, Mr. Fitzgerald; I do not know who has got the railroad bridge there.

Mr. MULOCK.—Do you know, Mr. Cochrane ?

Mr. COCHRANE.—I think it is a man named McCrudden.

Mr. CORBY.—It is James McCrudden.

WITNESS.—I think Goodrich got a bridge too. There may have been two men appointed on a bridge.

2462. Are there two men to each bridge?—I think so.

2463. Then we want two more? Is there a man named May on one of the bridges?—I think May is there.

2464. Is there a man named William Johnston?—Yes.

2465. He has got a bridge?—Yes.

2466. That makes six, and still leaves the railroad bridge which we do not know anything about. What did William Brown pay for his appointment?—I cannot swear to that.

2467. Do you remember his case coming before the Committee?—Which Committee?

2468. Your patronage Committee?—Yes, he was spoken of.

2469. What was the decision of the Committee about William Brown?—I cannot tell you.

2470. You did not keep a minute of it?—I kept no minute at all.

2471. Do you remember Goodrich's case coming before the Committee?—I do not.

2472. Do you remember any names that came before the Committee?—Yes.

2473. Whom do you remember?—I remember Brown's name was mentioned to me, and Vanalstein's name was mentioned.

2474. Vanalstein did not get his bridge?—What other names do you remember?—I cannot swear to any other.

2475. Do you remember Fitzgerald's name coming up?—No.

2476. What did you do when you decided in favor of a man. What steps did you take to get him the appointment?—I do not know that I gave any decision myself.

2477. Well whatever the committee decided, or what the decision of the committee was?—I could not tell you that.

2478. Do you know what steps had to be taken for a man to get the office? He had to get the recommendation of the committee, had he not, and the recommendation of Mr. Cochrane and the appointment from the Government?—I cannot swear to that.

2479. Do you remember when they raised the price from \$150 above that?—No.

2480. You do not remember?—No.

2481. \$150 was the lowest; was it not?—I could not tell you.

2482. Do you remember them going lower than \$150?—No.

2483. That was the lowest they ever went?—That is the lowest.

2484. Do you know what Goodrich had to pay?—I could not tell you anything what Goodrich paid.

2485. You do not remember when they raised the price to \$200?—No, I do not know anything about that.

2486. Do you remember Vanalstine making a deposit with you?—No. He did not make any deposit with me.

2487. Do you remember Hedley Simpson having a conversation with you in your store?—No.

2488. You don't remember that at all?—No.

By Mr. Osler :

2489. Did Mr. Cochrane attend any of the meetings?—He was there once. I do not know whether he had any conversation with me or any of us.

2490. He was there once?—He was in the store once when we were all there.

2491. Was there any conversation when he was there about these appointments?—No.

2492. Did you ever tell Mr. Cochrane as to the deliberation with regard to the patronage Committee—Did you ever inform him?—No.

2493. I understand that these contributions for party purposes were given for the influence of your people?—Yes.

2494. They were for your influence in getting the appointments?—Yes.

2495. And what did you use them for?—It would be to pay the liabilities.

By Mr. Barron :

2496. You say that Mr. Cochrane was present once in your store when the committee was meeting there?—Yes, he was in my store once.

2497. When the committee met there?—I think so.

2498. He saw the members of the committee when they met at your store?—I cannot tell you that.

2499. He was present there at the time the committee were there?—The whole of the committee was not there.

2500. Who of the committee were there?—Well, I can't tell you.

2501. You were there?—Yes.

2502. Was Stanley there?—I do not know; he may have been there.

2503. When was this?—I cannot tell you when it was.

2504. You cannot remember?—No.

2505. Was it before or after the appointments were made?—Before.

2506. Before the appointments were made?—Yes.

2507. How did Mr. Cochrane come to be there?—I cannot tell you.

2508. Did he drop in by accident?—I cannot tell.

2509. What time of the day was it?—In the evening.

2510. How far does Mr. Cochrane live from Brighton?—Five or six miles from Brighton.

2511. And he happened to be there in the evening?—Yes; this evening.

2512. What time in the evening did the Committee meet?—I cannot tell you.

2513. Was it early or late?—Not very late. I should say it was after 8 o'clock; between 8 and 9 o'clock.

2514. When your store was closed?—Yes.

2515. Then Mr. Cochrane remained there after the store was closed?—He came in accidentally, I think.

2516. Did you say that the Committee met there after the store was closed?—Yes.

2517. And Mr. Cochrane was there when the Committee met?—Yes.

2518. For the whole of the time?—No; not when they were meeting.

2519. Oh, well, did he come in afterwards?—Yes; he came in after the Committee met.

2520. Now, the Committee met after the store was closed, and Mr. Cochrane, having come in after the Committee met, must have come in after the store was closed?—He did.

2521. Then he did not come in to buy anything?—I cannot swear to that. Sometimes we did not close till ten or eleven o'clock.

2522. However, that was after the store was closed?—I think the store was closed.

2523. And it was after this that Mr. Cochrane came in?—Yes; it was after the store was closed, as far as my knowledge goes, that Mr. Cochrane came in.

2524. Where did the Committee transact its business in the store?—I believe it was right in the open store.

2525. Right in there in the main part of the store?—Yes.

2526. And that is where Mr. Cochrane came?—Yes.

2527. Mr. Cochrane was in there with the Committee?—Yes; but he was not on the Committee.

2528. I know, but he was in there with the committee?—He was there when the Committee was there in the store. I could not swear when Mr. Cochrane came in, but I know he came right into the store when the committee was meeting there.

2529. You have sworn that Mr. Cochrane was there?—Yes.

2530. And you have sworn that he was there while the Committee were there?—Yes; that's true.

2531. Did he know that the Committee was meeting there?—I do not know.

2532. Did he attend there by request?—No; not that I know of.

2533. Did Mr. Cochrane know of the meeting of the Committee?
Counsel objected.

By Mr. Barron :

2534. Can you give us some idea of the time the store was closed?—No.

2535. You said that sometimes it was not closed until 10 or 11 o'clock?—Yes, it would sometimes be 12 o'clock on Saturday night. But we have to close every night at 7 o'clock except Thursday night and Saturday night.

2536. What time did it close that night?—I cannot tell you.

2537. You cannot recollect?—No.

2538. What time of the year was it?—I cannot tell you.

2539. Was it spring, summer, fall or winter?—I think it was in the spring time of the year, but I cannot say.

2540. What year?—I cannot say.

2541. After dark, was it?—After dark what?

2542. When the store was closed?—I cannot say whether it was or not; I cannot tell whether we closed our store at 7 o'clock or not.

2543. You cannot remember whether it was after dark or not?—No.

2544. Do you remember how Mr. Cochrane came to be there?—No; I don't.

2545. Will you swear that he was not sent for?—I will swear that so far as my knowledge and belief goes he was not sent for.

2546. He was not sent for on your behalf?—No; nor so far as I know, on any body else's behalf.

By Mr. German :

2547. What were you doing that night?—Attending to my business.

2548. I mean the Committee. What business did the Committee do that night?—They talked over different questions about the bridges.

2549. How long did Mr. Cochrane remain?—As far as my knowledge goes, he did not remain very long.

2550. How long?—I cannot swear how long.

2551. Half an hour or more?—Well, I cannot say. I do not think he did.

2552. It was not more than half an hour?—Not so far as my knowledge goes, I do not think it was.

2553. Was it about half an hour?—I cannot say.

2554. I suppose the discussion was going on while he was there?—The discussion was going on. Yes.

2555. The talk about the bridges was going on while he was there?—Yes.

2556. You were talking about the men who would get the appointments and the amounts that they were to pay?—Certainly.

2557. What part did Mr. Cochrane take in the discussion?—No part whatever.

2558. He was a quiet listener?—I could not swear to that.

2559. He was listening if he did not take part in the conversation?—I could not swear to that.

The Committee then took recess.

THURSDAY, 3rd September, 1891.

The Committee resumed at 2.30 o'clock, p.m.—Mr. TISDALE in the Chair.

WILLIAM BROWN called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron:

2560. Where do you live?—At the upper end of the Murray Canal.

2561. Have you any position upon that canal?—Yes, sir.

2562. What position have you got?—Bridge-keeper.

2563. How did you come to get that position?—Through the Committee.

2564. What Committee?—The Committee which was appointed to recommend somebody for the position.

2565. You knew a Committee had been appointed for that purpose?—I was told by several of the Committee they had been appointed, and I was told by Mr. Cochrane also that a Committee had been appointed.

2566. You were told by Mr. Cochrane there had been a Committee appointed for the purpose of recommending parties for the position of bridge-keeper?—Yes.

2567. Mr. Cochrane told you that?—He did.

2568. Who is Mr. Cochrane?—He is member for East Northumberland.

2569. And it was Mr. Cochrane, member for East Northumberland, who told you that a Committee had been appointed for the purpose of recommending different people?—He was the only one that told me I would have to go to the Committee.

2570. Then you went to Mr. Cochrane first of all?—First of all.

2571. What did you go to him for?—For a position on the canal.

2572. What did you say to him?—I asked him what my chances were for such a position. He told me he had left the matter in the hands of the Committee and that I would have to apply to the Committee.

2573. Is that all the conversation which took place?—I think so.

2574. Nothing more than that?—In regard to that. I don't recollect anything else.

2575. Who told you, you would have to pay \$150?—Nobody told me I had to do it.

2576. Did nobody tell you you would be required to do it before you got that position?—No.

2577. Who did you converse with in regard to the \$150?—The first one I had a conversation with was James Stanley.

2578. And who was the second one?—That is all.

2579. You never had a conversation with anybody except Mr. James Stanley regarding the \$150?—Outside the Committee, do you mean or the Committee men?

2580. I mean either the Committee men or outside the Committee men?—Yes; I talked with Vanalstine.

2581. Nobody else?—Nobody else that I recollect.

2582. Are you quite sure of that?—Not that I recollect; not of having any conversation.

2583. You have a good memory, you know?—I don't know—not anything extra.

2584. When did you go to Mr. Cochrane about the position?—I cannot exactly give you the date I went to him?

2585. Can you give me any way near the time?—I know it was before the canal was completed.

2586. How long before these offices were let out to different people?—I don't know.

2587. Would it be a year?—I could not say exactly now just what time. I don't know whether it is a year, or half a year now.

2588. You knew, of course, that the position was vacant, and that other people were applying for the position, before you went to Mr. Cochrane?—I did not know it as a fact?

2589. But you heard of it?—Yes; I heard it as a rumour.

2590. Had you seen any of the Committee before you went to see Mr. Cochrane?—No, sir.

2591. You went to see Mr. Cochrane first?—Yes.

2592. Had you heard anything about money being required from these different bridge-keepers before you went to Mr. Cochrane?—No, sir.

2593. You are quite sure of that?—Yes.

2594. And when was it you first heard of money being paid in connection with these offices, or situations?—The first I heard of it was from Mr. James Stanley.

2595. When was that, please?—I could not exactly tell you when it was; I did not keep any memorandum of the date.

2596. About when?—I could not give you any idea of the date.

2597. Was it the fall, the spring, the summer or the winter?—I don't know.

2598. Was it about the time they were given being out?—Before they were given out.

2599. A little time before they were given out?—It was some time before that; I could not just exactly say the time.

2600. You say that Mr. Cochrane told you would have to apply to the Committee?—Yes.

2601. And in pursuance of that instruction from Mr. Cochrane, did you apply to the Committee?—I did.

2602. To whom did you apply?—To Mr. Stanley.

2603. How did you know that he was one of the Committee?—I enquire around and I found out who the Committee men were.

2604. Did Mr. Cochrane mention Mr. Stanley's name to you?—He did not.

2605. At the time Mr. Cochrane told you that you would have to apply to the Committee, did you know who the Committee were?—I did not.

2606. When Mr. Cochrane told you to apply to the Committee, did you not ask him who the Committee were?—No.

2607. And yet you did not who the Committee were?—No.

2608. At the time you had the conversation with Mr. Cochrane?—No.

2609. Did you know where the Committee were—that is, where they lived—where they were carrying on their work?—I knew where they lived, if I found out who they were.

2610. But you had not the least idea?—I had not the least idea who they were.

2611. Everything was vague in your mind when Mr. Cochrane told you to go to the Committee?—Yes. I had an idea.

2612. What idea had you?—I had an idea that it was some of the party men around in the locality; that it would be some of them.

2613. Who suggested himself to your mind when the word "Committee" was mentioned by James Stanley?—James Stanley for one came to my mind. I supposed he would be one.

2614. Did you say anything to Mr. Cochrane about James Stanley?—Nothing.

2615. Not a word?—Not a word that I recollect.

2616. You were quite content when he told you you would have to see the Committee without anything further, but at that time you thought James Stanley was one of the men you would have to see?—I thought so.

2617. What made you think so?—He had been a party man and was right there in Brighton. That is the only reason.

2618. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane except at that one time when you asked him for the position?—In regard to the position?

2619. Yes.—No; I have not seen him since about it.

2620. Then you paid how much to Mr. Webb?—\$150.

2621. In cash?—In cash.

2622. That is Mr. W. W. Webb?—Yes.
2623. You got the money from W. H. Powers?—No, sir.
2624. Did you pay this money before you got the appointment?—Let me think. I cannot say whether I paid it before or after.
2625. But it was arranged before you got the appointment that you were to pay the money?—Yes.
2626. With whom was that arrangement made?—Mr. Stanley.
2627. Do you know that Mr. Stanley was one of this Committee?—I do.
2628. The Committee to which Mr. Cochrane sent you?—Yes.
2629. Was it Mr. Stanley who told you to pay the money to Mr. Webb?—It was.
2630. Where did he tell you to do that?—In his hotel.
2631. Just you two together?—Just us two.
2632. Nobody else?—Not that I recollect.
2633. How did you come to see him?—Did he send for you?—He sent for me.
2634. By whom?—He sent word down that he wanted to see me and I went up.
2635. Where were you living then?—At the same place as now.
2636. What is your occupation?—I have been working on the canal for several years.
2637. What value did you get for the payment of that \$150?—I do not know that I got any great value.
2638. You got the position of bridgekeeper?—Yes.
2639. Was that not the value you got?—I do not know.
2640. Just think. Do you want to tell us that you paid \$150 for the fun of the thing?—I paid the money to help the party out. They were in debt.
2641. Is that what you say? Was that the object of your paying the money, simply to help the party out?—To help the party out.
2642. Any other object?—I was to pay \$150 and get the appointment.
2643. Would you have paid the \$150 if you had not got the appointment?—I would have paid it in time, but not just then. I was willing to pay my share in getting the party out of debt.
2644. But whether you got the appointment or not, were you quite willing to pay that \$150?—Yes.
2645. Quite willing?—Yes.
2646. Then that \$150 had nothing to do with your getting that appointment? It had, hadn't it?—Yes, it had.
2647. When you went to Mr. Webb to pay the money, what did you say to him?—I said I was requested by Mr. Stanley to go and pay him \$150.
2648. Is that all you said?—I do not know. I think I told him I was to get a receipt for it.
2649. Did you get a receipt?—Yes.
2650. Where is it?—I do not know.
2651. Did you not bring it with you?—I carried around a part of it until it was all worn out.
2652. Then the receipt is destroyed?—I guess so.
2653. What did it say?—I think it said: "Received from William Brown the sum of \$150 to be applied on the note Wade, Nix and King."
2654. That is how you think the receipt read?—Yes.
2655. Did you ever give a note to Mr. D. C. Bullock in connection with this matter?—No, sir.
2656. He was one of the committee, was he not?—I believe so.
2657. Were you ever present at any of the meetings of this committee?—No sir.
2658. You never would have gone to the committee but for what Mr. Cochrane told you?—No answer.
2659. The first you heard of the committee was from Mr. Cochrane?—Certainly.

2660. And in pursuance of your conversation with him, you went to that committee to pay the money?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock.

2661. You first went to Mr. Cochrane, you say, to get the office?—Yes.

2662. You were not able to fix a day nearer than to say it was sometime before the canal was opened?—Yes; before the completion of the canal.

2663. Could you say about how long before you made the payment, you saw Mr. Cochrane?—Before I made the payment?

2664. You made a payment of \$150 to Mr. Webb. Perhaps you could say how long it was before you made that payment, that you saw Mr. Cochrane?—It was quite a while.

2665. Do you mean weeks, months, or years, or what?—No, no.

2666. You went to Mr. Cochrane in the first place thinking he would have the power to get you the office?—I did.

2667. He was the member for the riding at the time?—Yes.

2668. For the east riding of Northumberland?—Yes.

2669. And he told you he had left the matter in the hands of the committee?—Yes.

2670. And then you went to the committee in question?—I did.

2671. And from information you had, either at that time or subsequently, you struck on the right committee?—I inquired.

2672. You conversed with Mr. Stanley on the subject?—Yes.

2673. And finally what did the committee decide about your application—to refuse it or to give the office to you?—They decided to give it to me.

2674. How long after they told you, that they had decided to give it to you, that you paid the \$150?—Why, it was a week or so afterwards.

2675. It was a week or so after Stanley told you you could have the office that you paid the money to Webb?—Yes.

2676. Mr. Webb told us that you paid the money to him?—I did.

2677. I think you said you paid it in January 1890?—I could not say the date.

2678. Probably Mr. Webb's date, as he gave it, would be accurate?—Probably it would. I could not give you the date myself.

2679. But at any rate it was about a week or so after Stanley told you, you would get the office?—Yes about a week or so.

2680. What is the salary attaching to the office?—\$1.25 a day.

2681. For how many days in the year—how many days are you paid for each year?—\$1.25 a day for the navigable season.

2682. From the opening of navigation until the close?—Yes.

2683. In your case you did not pay the money out of your salary?—No, sir. I had it of my own.

2684. Some of them had to pay the money out of their salaries as they earned them. Yours evidently was not that kind of case?—No, sir.

2685. It is stated that some the prices of some of the bridges were higher than the others—do you happen to know when the prices went up?—I do not.

2686. Do you know what the others had to pay?—I do not.

2687. You only know what you had to pay?—That is all.

2688. You are a member of the conservative party?—Yes.

2689. How long before this had you made any contributions to the party funds?—Several years before. It was when there was a protest.

2690. The protest against Mr. Ferris?—When they went round for contributions, I gave them some.

2691. Do you mean at the time of the protest against Mr. Ferris?—Yes, that protest.

2692. The note to Mr. Webb for \$1,000, was dated March, 1883, if I remember rightly. Was it about that time that you made your contribution?—Well, it was

about the time that the protest was going on, or right away after. I could not say when.

2693. That was about the year 1883? At any rate it was a good many years before you got the office on the bridge?—Yes, sir.

2694. Do you remember how much you gave on that occasion?—I gave \$2.

2695. The next payment was \$150?—Yes, sir.

2696. Then an interval of 6 or 7 years had elapsed before the first subscription of \$2, and the last subscription of \$150?—A little length of time; I do not know what it was. It was the time the protest was going on, whatever time that was.

2697. Did you happen to be aware all these years that the party was in debt for these costs?—Was I aware of it? yes.

2698. All these years you had not contributed anything since the \$2 contribution?—No, I had not.

2699. And you told Mr. Barron that you would have been willing any way to have given this contribution of \$150?—Yes, if it had been asked before. If they had forced collection on these notes that were outstanding against the party.

2700. Were you on those notes?—No, sir.

2701. You would not have given the whole of the \$150, as your share?—If it required my share to do so, I would.

2702. Yes, but it would not. You are only one of many hundreds of the party in the riding. Unless there was some special reason you would not have liked to have given more than your fair share?—I would have given what I was told.

2703. Would you have thought it fair supposing the parties insisted on you giving \$150 towards a fund the whole amount of which was only a few hundred dollars—would it not have been more than your share?—I do not know, for I did not know the exact amount that was outstanding against the party.

2704. You did not know the amount?—I could not say what the debt was against the party. I was not aware of it.

2705. I am told that the debt was only \$300. You would not think it fair that you should have to bear so large a proportion of the debt?—Not if I knew of it.

2706. All that you would like to do as a party man would be to pay a fair share?—As far as I know.

2707. That would be as one of the electorate of the riding?—Yes.

2708. Did you have any talk with Mr. Clouston about his appointment?—I do not recollect.

2709. Do you happen to know who else paid Mr. Webb anything on the promissory notes?—No.

2710. You don't know that Mr. Clouston made any payment?—No.

2711. Do you know the lowest price of these bridges?—No.

2712. Do you know if any went lower than \$150?—I don't know.

2713. You don't know if you were higher than the others?—No.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron):

2714. You know Clouston?—Yes, as a neighbour.

2715. Do you know his going round with a subscription list?—No, I don't.

By Mr. German:

2716. I understood you to say, that you went to Mr. Cochrane first to see about this appointment?—Yes.

2717. And what did Mr. Cochrane tell you?—He told me I would have to apply to the committee—that he had left it in the hands of the committee; he said I would have to apply to the committee.

2718. And that he had left all these appointments in the hands of the committee?—No, he didn't say that.

2719. You say that Mr. Cochrane had left this in the hands of the committee?—Yes, he said I would have to apply to the committee.

2720. And that he had left this matter in their hands?—Yes.

2721. And did you say anything about the appointment of the committee, and that you would have to go and see the committee and arrange with them?—No; he gave me no instructions at all.

By Mr. Barron :

2722. Did he say anything about carrying out what the committee recommended?—Nothing more than I have told you.

2723. Had you any correspondence with Mr. Cochrane?—No, not a word.

2724. From whom did you receive your appointment?—I cannot say.

2725. Who gave you notice that you were appointed?—Mr. Keeler.

2726. He is the Superintendent?—Yes.

2727. You had no written communication with regard to the appointment?—No. He told me I was appointed by the Minister.

2728. Mr. Keeler told you that you had been appointed by the Minister?—Yes.

2729. What Minister?—He did not say that.

ROBERT MAY called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

2730. Where do you live?—At the western end of the Murray Canal.

2731. Have you got an appointment on that canal?—Yes, sir.

2732. What appointment?—Bridge keeper.

2733. When did you get that appointment?—In the year 1890.

2734. Do you know what time?—No, sir.

2735. Spring or Fall?—It was in the Spring 1890.

2736. Who told you that you had got the appointment?—Some member of the committee, I think it was Mr. Hugh McQuoid; I am not sure, however, whether he was the one.

2737. He told you of the appointment?—Yes, sir.

2738. And who else told you?—My brother Henry.

2739. Did you receive any written notice of your appointment?—No.

2740. Did you know Mr. Keeler at all when you were appointed?—Not until he put me to the work.

2741. From whom did he tell you, that you had received the appointment?—I do not know that he told me at all. He got word, I suppose, from the Government.

2742. But did he tell you that?—I do not know that he did.

2743. Did you not go to Mr. Cochrane before getting the appointment in order to secure his influence?—No, sir.

2744. You never saw Mr. Cochrane?—No.

2745. With regard to this appointment?—No, sir.

2746. Never spoke to him?—No, not with regard to the appointment.

2747. But with regard to anything?—Oh! I have often spoken to him.

2748. But in regard to your asking him about the canal?—No, sir.

2749. You never had any conversation at all with Mr. Cochrane about that?—Never.

2750. How much money did you pay?—\$125.

2751. To whom did you pay it?—To Henry May, my brother.

2752. What did you pay it to Mr. Henry May for?—(No answer.)

2753. Why did you pay it to Henry May?—To help to pay the debt against the Conservative party.

2754. Are you sure that is what you paid it for?—Yes.

2755. Who told you to say that?—Nobody.

2756. Did nobody tell you to say that?—No.

2757. Have you had any conversation with anybody in regard to what you have to say here to-day?—No, sir.

2758. Never spoke to anybody?—No.

2759. Never spoke to your brother, Henry May, in regard to what you were to say here to-day?—No, sir.

2760. You have been with him since you came to Ottawa?—Yes, part of the time.

2761. You never talked over these proceedings?—No.

2762. Never spoke to him about your evidence to-day?—No.

2763. You never talked over the proceedings at all?—No.

2764. Not in regard to what you are going to say?—No.

2765. Who sent you to Mr. Henry May?—Mr. Henry May came to me.

2766. Is he your brother?—Yes.

2767. Who sent him to you?—I don't know.

2768. What did he say to you when he came?

Objection raised by the Chairman.

By Mr. Barron :

2769. What happened between you and Henry May when you paid money?—What did I do? I gave him money.

2770. How did you come to give him the money?—To help to pay this indebtedness.

2771. Who told you it was for that purpose?—He did.

2772. Henry May told you that?—Yes, sir.

2773. That the \$125 was for the purpose of paying off the debt?—Yes, sir.

2774. What debt?—Against the Conservative party.

2775. You just paid it simply for that reason, did you?—Certainly.

2776. And for nothing else?—For nothing else.

2777. You swear it was for nothing else than to wipe off the debt of the Conservative party? Do you want us to believe that?—I got the appointment.

2778. What appointment?—As bridge-keeper.

2779. The object in paying the money was to get the appointment as bridge-keeper on the Murray Canal?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock :

2780. You did not care where it went, I suppose?—How?

2781. What you were after was the office?—Yes; I was not sure of getting it.

2782. But that was what you wanted to get?—Yes.

2783. That is why you paid the money?—To pay off this debt.

2784. But your first object was to get the office?—I wanted to get the office, yes.

2785. You would not have paid the money without the office?—I don't know whether I would or not.

By Mr. Barron :

2786. Do you want us to understand that you would have paid that \$125 whether you got the office or not?—I don't know whether I would or not.

2787. Is that as far as you will go?—(No answer.)

2788. Did you get the money from Marcus Lovitt?—No, sir.

2789. From whom?—The bank, part of it.

2790. How much out of the bank?—\$75.

2791. Where did you get the balance?—I had the balance.

2792. So that you paid \$125 in cash?—Yes, sir.

2793. What bank was it?—Molsons' Bank, in Trenton.

2794. Did you get it on a note, or had you it in the bank?—I got it on a note.

2795. Who went into the bank with you on the note?—My father.

2796. What is his name, please?—Samuel.

2797. Then you say that your father and you raised \$75, and you had the balance to make \$125, and you paid that just for the fun of the thing—of paying off the Conservative debt?—And the bridge.

2798. When you say "and the bridge," I suppose you mean getting the bridge as bridge-keeper—to get the position?—(No answer.)

2799. It does not take all this time to think; you know well enough. Was it not for the purpose of getting the position of bridge-keeper you paid that \$125?—Well, I may have paid it, if I had not got it.

2800. Was it not for the purpose of getting that position, sir?—Yes.

2801. How did you know that you would get that position if you paid \$125?—I did not know, only from the committee.

2802. Then you knew from the committee that you would get that position if you paid the \$125?—They told me.

2803. Who told you?—Some of the committee.

2804. Which one of the committee?—Hugh McQuoid.

2805. Who else told you?—I think Mr. Adam Young.

2806. Who else?—I don't know of any more.

2807. Did James Stanley not tell you?—No, sir.

2808. Had you no conversation with James Stanley?—No, sir.

2809. You never had?—I never had.

2810. But you had with Messrs. Hugh McQuoid and Adam Young?—Yes, sir.

2811. What did they tell you?—They said they would do all they could for me to help me get this position.

2812. If what?—If they could, they would do all they could for me.

2813. Did they say nothing about money to you?—No, sir.

2814. How was it you came to pay \$125?—(No answer.)

2815. Somebody must have suggested money to you?—Henry said the Conservative party was in debt, and each one must pay a certain amount.

2816. Each one of whom?—Each one of the bridge tenders. He said each was willing to pay, and I said I was willing to do the same.

2817. If you got the position?—Yes.

2818. Did you pay the money before or after getting the position?—Before it.

2819. Did Mr. McQuoid promise you the position?—No.

2820. What did he say to you?—He said he would do what he could.

2821. Is that all?—That is all.

2822. And Adam Young, what did he say?—The same.

2823. In the same words?—I think so.

2824. Did you know that all the bridge tenders were paying some money?—I did not know it.

2825. What did you hear as to that?—I do not know. He said they were willing to pay it.

2826. Who told you that?—My brother Henry.

2827. And he said if you wanted to get a bridge you would have to pay, too?—No.

2828. What did he say?—He said the rest were willing to pay, and I said I was willing too.

2829. The sum you paid was \$125?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock :

2830. I suppose you saw Stanley about this office?—No.

2831. You did not meet the committee at all in meeting assembled?—No.

2832. Did you ask Mr. Cochrane about getting you the office?—No, sir; I did not.

2833. Did you ask anybody?—No.

2834. It came to you? You found it in your stocking?—No, sir; I did not find it in my stocking. My brother came to me, and asked me if I would like the position.

2835. He being a member of the committee. The salary of the office is \$1.25 a day during the period of navigation?—Yes.

2836. You took that office?—Yes?

2837. You say you got \$1.25 per day during navigation?—Yes.
 2838. You are a labouring man then?—Yes.
 2839. Before you got this office you were working for day's wages?—Yes.
 2840. You are a married man?—Yes.
 2841. Wife and family?—Yes.
 2842. And before you got this office you were working for day's wages?—Yes.
 2843. And you gave \$125 for the office and for the good of the Conservative party—the two things?—Yes.
 2844. When before this had you given a contribution to the Conservative party?—I do not know as I ever did.
 2845. How old are you?—Thirty.
 2846. This was the first time you manifested your regard for the Conservative party in this substantial way?—Yes.
 2847. It was a very fair beginning. Do you know you got this office cheaper than the others did?—I do not know that I got it cheaper.
 2848. This was \$125. The lowest we have heard of before was \$150?—I must have got it cheaper, then.
 2849. Perhaps having a friend in court enabled you to get it \$25 less?—I do not think so.
 2850. Fitzgerald paid \$150?—I do not know what he paid.
 2851. Don't you know that Brown who was in before you, paid \$150?—No.
 2852. Well, he did. You got it \$25 less then he. The price went up afterward. Do you know when that happened?—No.
 2853. You do not happen to know when they went up to \$200?—No.
 2854. What are they selling at now?—I do not know. There are none for sale. They are all filled.

HENRY MAY called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron:

2855. Where do you live?—In the Township of Murray.
 2856. Are you a brother of Robert May?—Yes.
 2857. I understand from your brother, that you went to him in regard to his appointment as bridge tender on the Murray Canal?—That I went to him?
 2858. Yes, that you went to see him. Is that correct?—Yes.
 2859. Who sent you to see him?—I went myself.
 2860. Did anybody send you to see your brother?—Nobody sent me to see my brother.
 2861. You went of your own accord?—Yes.
 2862. What did you say to your brother?—I told him he could get a bridge on the Murray Canal.
 2863. How did you know that?—I found it out.
 2864. From whom?—At the meeting we had held of the committee.
 2865. In Brighton?—Yes.
 2866. What took place at the committee meeting in regard to the appointment of your brother?—We got him the appointment there.
 2867. What took place at the committee?—I cannot tell you all that took place.
 2868. Tell us something that took place. You know perfectly well something took place in reference to your brother?—I asked if I could get him the bridge, and they decided that I could.
 2869. Who was present?—My brother.
 2870. He was at the meeting?—No.
 2871. Who else?—Mr. Young.
 2872. Adam Young?—Yes.
 2873. Who else?—Mr. Stanley—James Stanley.
 2874. Anyone else?—Mr. Bullock and Mr. Philip Lawson.

2875. Who else?—I do not remember any other.

2876. But you do know that James Stanley, Adam Young, Bullock, Lawson and yourself were all present at the meeting of the committee when the appointment of your brother was considered?—Yes.

2877. What was decided upon?—It was decided that he should have a bridge.

2878. Was there any motion moved or anything of that kind—anything reduced to writing?—No; I do not think it.

2879. The committee just talked it over?—Yes.

2880. And they were all agreed that he should have the bridge?—Yes.

2881. But he was to pay how much?—I do not think there was any pay mentioned.

2882. It was in pursuance of what took place at that meeting that you went to your brother?—Yes.

2883. You say there was nothing said at the time of the meeting what he was to pay?—I do not remember that there was.

2884. Will you swear nothing was said?—I could not swear.

2885. How was it you asked your brother for \$125?—Mr. Stanley told me it was required—that he should pay some money.

2886. That he should pay some money; that was at the committee meeting?—No; I think it was before that.

2887. Do you now wish to tell us, that there was nothing said at the committee meeting at all about money being paid by your brother?—I would not say that there was.

2888. But would you not like to say there was something said?—No; I do not remember anything about it.

2889. Then how was the amount of \$125 arrived at?—Mr. Stanley told me to go down to the gravel road and take up a couple of notes which some parties held there.

2890. Who were the parties?—Mr. Pilkey and Mr. Ireland.

2891. He told you to go down and take up a couple of notes?—Yes.

2892. Where were you to get the money from?—My brother gave me the money.

2893. At the time you went to your brother he gave you the money to take up the notes of Pilkey and Ireland—he gave you the money then?—At the time I went.

2894. At the time you went, according to the instructions of Stanley to take up the notes of Pilkey and Ireland, was it on that occasion that you saw your brother and he gave you the \$125?—I do not remember whether he gave it to me at that time or not.

2895. Still you remember the occasion when he gave it you?—I remember he gave it to me.

2896. Where was it he gave it to you?—I think it was at my house.

2897. He had to raise the money, had he not?—I could not tell you what he had to raise.

2898. Did you never hear where your brother got the money?—No, sir. I know nothing about where he got the money.

2899. He never told you?—No.

2900. As a matter of fact you got from him \$125?—I think it was that amount.

2901. And it was Stanley who sent you to get the money, was it?—He told me that he wanted that much.

2902. What was your poor brother to get for paying \$125?—(No answer.)

2903. Come now, out with it? You know as well as I know?—I do not know what he was to get.

2904. Was there no promise to him?—I could not say that there was.

2905. Do you mean to say that at the time he paid the \$125 there was no promise or intimation to him what he was to get?—At the time he paid the money?

2906. Yes?—Well, I might have told him. I might have spoken about the bridge at that time.

2907. What did you say to him about the bridge?—Most likely I told him he had the bridge.

2908. What was your brother to get for the payment of the \$125, if not the bridge. What did he expect to get?—I do not know what he expected to get.

2909. What was he to get for the payment of \$125? You know as well as anybody else?—(No answer.)

2910. Come now, what was it?—I know one thing he did get.

2911. What was it that he got?—He got a bridge.

2912. Would he have got a bridge if he had not paid the \$125?—I could not tell you.

2913. When Stanley sent you to your brother Robert, did he tell you how much you were to get from Robert?—No, sir, he did not.

2914. No sum was mentioned?—No sum was mentioned. He told me to go down and pay those notes.

2915. What was the amount of those notes?—I think one was \$75. I do not just remember the figures of the other.

2916. He told you to go down and pay those notes?—Yes, sir.

2917. Where were you to get the money to pay those notes?—Robert gave it to me.

2918. I asked where were you to get the money to pay the notes when you left Stanley?—That is something I cannot tell.

2919. Did it not occur to you as funny that Stanley should send you to pay those notes without giving you any money?—(No answer.)

2920. How were you to pay those notes when you left Stanley and he did not give you any money? Where were you to get the money from?—I got the money from my brother.

By Mr. German :

2921. Did Stanley tell you to get the money from your brother?—He did.

2922. He told you to go and get the money from your brother to pay those notes?—Yes.

2923. You went to your brother to get the money?—No; he came to me with it.

By Mr. Barron :

2924. But you went to your brother at all events for the money?—I could not say. I do not know whether my brother gave it to me the first time or not.

2925. What had your brother to do with the notes of Pilkey and Ireland?—I do not know that he had anything to do with them.

2926. Did you then get the notes from Pilkey and Ireland?—I did.

2927. And what did you do with them?—I know I gave one of them up to my brother. I think I remember giving the Pilkey one.

2928. Why did you give it to your brother?—Because it was his money that raised the note.

2929. But it was his money that raised the other one too, and why did you not give him the other?—I had forgotten all about the other.

2930. You gave one to your brother but not the other?—Yes.

2931. Has your brother ever been paid back this money?—I cannot tell you that.

2932. You do not know that?—No.

2933. What position do you hold on the canal?—I am a foreman on the canal.

2934. You are a foreman?—Yes.

2935. Did you see Mr. Cochrane in reference to your having the appointment to the position of foreman?—No sir.

2936. You never saw him?—No, sir. Not with regard to the appointment.

2937. Before you got the appointment did you not go to Mr. Cochrane?—No. I did afterwards but not before.

2938. What did you go afterwards for?—I happened to see him and told him I had got the appointment.

2939. To whom did you apply for the appointment?—To the Superintendent, Mr. Keeler.

2940. Anybody else?—No.

2941. Then you say the only one to whom you applied was Mr. Keeler?—Yes, sir.

2942. Did you ask Mr. Keeler or anybody in regard to it?—No sir, I did not.

2943. You never asked Mr. Keeler?—No, sir.

2944. The committee that you have spoken of had the distribution of this patronage, had it not?—What do you mean by patronage?

2945. It is Mr. Osler's word. I mean the committee had the appointment of the bridge tenders, &c. Had the committee the giving out of any offices that you know of?—I do not know about that.

2946. Did you pay any money yourself?—For what purpose?

2947. In regard to getting the appointment?—No, sir, I did not.

2948. Not a cent?—No.

2949. Did you pay any money towards paying off this liability?—I did.

2950. How much?—Small amount.

2951. When was that?—It was three or four years ago.

2952. Since then you have not paid anything?—No.

2953. How much did you pay on this occasion?—Somewhere about \$3 or \$4.

2954. With the exception of that you have not paid anything towards the Conservative fund?—No.

2955. Nothing more than the \$3 or \$4.—No, sir.

2956. Now had you any interview or any conversation with Mr. Cochrane, in regard to your appointment, or in regard to the appointment with your brother?—I told you that I did not see Mr. Cochrane until after I got my appointment.

2957. Some days afterwards?—Yes.

2958. That is after your appointment?—Yes.

2959. In regard to the appointment of your brother had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane?—I think I had.

2960. When was that, please?—I think it was in March. I would not be certain about the time.

2961. Early in the spring of the year?—Yes.

2962. In 1888?—No, sir.

2963. What year?—It was in the year 1890.

2964. A year ago last spring?—Yes.

2965. That was before your brother got his appointment?—I suppose so.

2966. Your brother went to work on the 10th of May, 1890?—Yes.

2967. It was before that, you had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane?—I cannot say as to the time.

2968. What conversation did you have with him?—I told him that Robert had got the appointment.

2969. Is that all you said?—I cannot remember anything further that was said.

2970. Try and think now, where did you meet him?—I think it was in Brighton at the hotel.

2971. You are not quite sure?—I am not sure but I think it was at the hotel in Brighton.

2972. How did you just go, to say to him that Robert had got the appointment?—I simply told him.

2973. And that is all you said to him?—I might have said more.

2974. Had you any conversation about the party funds with him?—I think not.

2975. Will you swear that you had not? I do not remember.

2976. Did you not tell him how much your brother had given?—No; I never told him how much he had given.

2977. Who did you tell?—I don't know that I ever told anybody.

2978. Who else did you tell besides Mr. Cochrane?—I never told any one.

2979. When I asked the question, you said you did not tell him, referring to Mr. Cochrane: "No you said, I did not tell him." Who else did you tell?—Oh well! that is the same thing. I might have spoken to parties but I don't remember.

2980. You cannot recollect any person to whom you spoke?—No; I cannot recollect any person.

2981. You swear now, there is no person you can remember, having told you that your brother had paid \$125?—Not that I can remember.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron):

2982. You did not tell Stanley? I don't remember speaking about it to him.

By Mr. Barron:

2983. Mr. Stanley, you say, sent you down to pay these notes? Then you must have seen Stanley after you paid the notes?—It is very likely I did.

2984. And you must have told him you paid them?—I may have told him.

2985. You know you did it, sir. He sent you on the specific errand to pay for those two notes, and you got the notes after having paid them?—Yes, sir, I did.

2986. And being sent on that message by Mr. Stanley, what did you say when you came back to him or subsequently?—I could not tell you what I said.

2987. Did you give him the other note?—I don't recollect?

2988. What did you do with the other note?—I think it is in my house. I gave him one, but could not find the other.

By Mr. Mulock:

2989. What is the amount of those two notes?—One was \$75 I think, the other was \$20.

By Mr. Barron:

2990. Did you say you gave him one note?—No, sir, I did not.

2991. To your brother you gave one?—Yes, sir.

2992. Did not Stanley ever ask you how those notes were ever paid, or what you had done in regard to paying them?—I think he did, I will not be certain about it.

2993. You knew of course he did. He would not send you round to pay two notes and then not ask you what you did?—Very likely he did.

2994. And what did you tell him?—I must have told him I took these notes up?

By Mr. Mulock:

2995. With your brother's money?—(No answer.)

By Mr. Barron:

2996. What did you say to him, as to how you took the notes up?—I could not tell you that.

2997. But you did tell him he got the money to take those notes up?—No, not how I paid the money; I don't think he asked me, I don't suppose he would care.

2998. Then he knew beforehand you were going to get the money?—Well, not how I was going to get the money.

2999. Did he not know where you were going to get the money from?—No, not where I was going to get the money from.

3000. Did he know whether you were going to try and get it?—I did not have to try and get it. Robert gave it to me.

3001. If Mr. Stanley sent you as you say to pay those notes, surely he must have some idea as to where you were going to get the money?—He might.

By Mr. German:

3002. You were a member of this committee?—Yes, sir, they sent for me when they were pretty well through with the recommendations.

3003. They were pretty well through with the recommendations, before they sent for you?—Yes, sir.

3004. How many men were there to appoint, at the time they sent for you?—I could not say; there was two or three.

3005. Any more than your own brother?—I think Brown was to be appointed.

3006. And your own brother?—Yes.

3007. Mr. Brown and your brother are both on the same bridge?—They are.

3008. So that bridge was to be supplied at the time they sent for you to come and join the committee?—I don't know whether it was that bridge that was to be supplied.

3009. There were two men to be appointed?—Yes; but about the bridges I could not say.

3010. Of course, you did not propose that you had the power to appoint these men at all?—No, sir.

3011. Your object was just to recommend to Mr. Cochrane the men that should be appointed?—No, sir, nothing to do with recommending men with him at all; at no time with him at all.

3012. Was it your position, as a member of the committee, to find out who would donate?—I don't think it.

3013. What was your duty then as a member of the committee?—Well, I suppose we decided on the parties that were to be appointed.

3014. Well, having decided on the parties who were to be appointed what was the next step?—I don't know anything about any other step.

3015. What would the committee do after having decided upon the men to be appointed?—They were pretty nearly through. I was only at a very few meetings.

3016. Then these meetings of the committee had been going on prior to your reaching the place of meeting?—I think so.

3017. And where was this meeting being held?—In Mr. Stanley's hotel.

3018. You were never at a committee meeting in Bullock's store?—Not that I remember.

3019. You think this conversation that you had with Mr. Cochrane, was in March?—I think it was in March.

3020. And what did you tell him?—I told him that Robert had got the appointment for the bridge.

3021. Are you very positive it was March?—I would not be certain; I think it was March.

3022. Would it not be later in the spring than March?—I do not think it was.

3023. And you told him that Robert had got the appointment?—Yes, sir.

3024. You mean by having got the appointment that he had been recommended by the committee?—Yes, sir.

3025. You don't mean that he had been recommended by the Government?—No, sir, I did not mean to tell him that.

3026. You did not mean to tell him he had been appointed by the Government, only that he had been recommended by the committee?—That is it.

3027. And was that not the reason why you saw Mr. Cochrane; to tell him that Robert had been recommended by the committee?—I saw him and told him.

3028. You saw him and told him that Robert had the recommendation of the committee?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock :

3029. You say your position is that Overseer of workmen on the Canal?—Yes.

3030. Mr. Keeler appointed you?—Yes.

3031. When?—I think it was in June 1890—a year ago last June.

3032. Did you ask him to appoint you?—I asked him for a place.

3033. How long had you been at him for a place?—I asked him once.

3034. When did you make your first request for a place?—I think it was in June some time.

3035. You asked him in June and got the position in June?—Yes.

3036. Were you a member of the committee at the time?—I did not know anything about a committee then.

3037. When did you become a member of the committee?—That was a year ago last winter—the middle of the winter some time.

3038. You had been appointed by the Superintendent in the June before that?—A year ago last June I think I had the promise of the position.

3039. You say that you were appointed a member of the committee in 1890. Do you mean the winter in that part of 1890, that is of 1889-90?—Yes, I think it was.

3040. Then you were on the committee before you were appointed to the office?—Yes, I think I was.

3041. But the committee knew nothing about your appointment?—No, nothing whatever. I did not know anything about it myself.

3042. How did you get appointed?—I was sent for.

3043. Who sent for you?—I do not know. That is why I went to see Mr. Stanley.

3044. Do you remember meeting Mr. Cochrane in Mr. Bullock's store at the committee meeting?—No.

3045. Will you swear you did not meet Mr. Cochrane at any of the committee meetings?—No, I will not swear.

3046. Were you told what the object of this committee was when you joined, or did you learn the object?—I cannot say that they instructed me the first time I went there.

3047. Did you at any time learn what was the object of this committee?—I must have, I think.

3048. What did you learn was the object of this committee?—To settle on the men who were to take the balance of the positions.

3049. That was the work of this committee?—Yes, I think that was it.

3050. Then it had the two-fold object of settling on the men for the offices, and of financing to liquidate the indebtedness of the Conservative party?—I suppose that was it.

3051. You contributed \$3 or \$4 towards the Conservative party. When did you make that contribution?—I think that is five years ago. I would not be certain.

3052. You are in as good a financial position as your brother Robert?—It is very likely I am.

3053. You are, perhaps, in a little better position?—I would not doubt it.

3054. And you were in 1889 too?—Yes.

3055. You are considered the better off of the two?—I think so.

3056. You have no doubt about that?—None.

3057. Then why did you go to your own brother, who was poorer than you, and ask him to give \$125 towards a fund that you did not give a cent to, and you had a better position than he?—Well, Mr. Stanley said that this debt had to be paid.

3058. Why didn't you pay it instead of your brother paying it?—I was not paying out money for offices for other people.

3059. What office do you refer to?—His office.

3060. You thought he should pay for his own office?—If he had anything to pay.

3061. You thought it all right for him to pay for his own office, but you did not pay anything for your own office?—No.

3062. You did not pay Keeler anything for your position?—No.

3063. You simply got it by the asking?—Yes.

3064. Did it not strike you as strange that your brother should pay \$125 for a position, that only brings in a couple of hundred dollars during the season of navigation, while you paid nothing for a \$1.75 a day position? Can you explain why you advised your brother to do that?—I cannot say anything about it.

3065. Do you know the lowest price at which these offices went? Was this the lowest price?—I cannot tell you.

3066. What other offices were disposed of during your period on this Committee?—I think Brown's was.

3067. What did you get for Brown's?—I cannot say what he gave.

3068. \$150 wasn't it?—I cannot swear to the amount, but I think that was it.

3069. What other offices were disposed of during your time? But you are still on the committee. Did Clouston's case come before the committee while you were on?—Yes.

3070. Did Fitzgerald's come before you?—No.

3071. Do you know anything about Goodrich's office?—No, I do not.

3072. You do not know that he gave \$200 and a lease for his?—No; I cannot tell you what he gave.

3073. How is it that your brother got his position \$25.00 cheaper than Brown got his?—I do not know.

3074. Were Brown's and your brother's offices disposed of on the same night?—I do not think it?

3075. Where were these meetings held? In a back room?—No, upstairs.

3076. At night?—We went there in the evening.

3077. You did not keep any record of your doings?—No.

3078. You did not put anything down in black and white?—No.

3079. Why?—You could not be made to do that. There was no object in doing that.

3080. You did not want any note of it?—I do not know.

3081. Who carried the glad tidings to your brother?—I went and told him he could have a bridge.

3082. You were appointed to see him?—I told him.

3083. It was arranged that night that you were to tell him?—I do not know that they did. They may have.

3084. Were you living near your brother?—About a mile, or a mile and a half from him.

3085. You saw him frequently?—Yes.

3086. This was some little distance from where the little conspiracy was hatched?—Yes.

3087. How far was it from where your brother lived?—Five and a half miles.

3088. You lived close to your brother committeemen?—I think I do.

3089. The committee left this to you to communicate the information to your brother?—I do not know that that was spoken of. I know I told him.

3090. At the same meeting you told him about getting the office; you told him about paying \$125?—I could not say.

3091. Your brother knew he would have to pay it?—I could not say.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron):

3092. You mentioned that there were two notes that you were sent to take up?—Yes.

3093. Do you know who were the makers of the notes? Take the \$75-note: who was the maker of that?—I think it was Mr. Pilkey.

3094. Who was the maker of the \$75? Who was it payable to?—I think it was Mr. Pilkey.

3095. Was it payable to Mr. Pilkey?—I could not tell you.

3096. Was the \$75-note made by Pilkey?—I think it was.

3097. From whom did you get the note?—I paid it to Pilkey.

3098. Then it could not be Pilkey's note? Who was the maker of it; was it a note made by Stanley or any member of the committee; whose name was on the face of the note?—I think it was Webb.

3099. Which Webb?—I could not say.

3100. Was it in favour of Webb?—I think so.

3101. Was it W. W. Webb?—I would not be sure. I think the name was Webb.
3102. Do you really know, as a matter of fact, whose name was on the face of the note?—I could not say.
3103. Where is the note now?—I do not know where the note is.
3104. Is it in your possession?—No.
3105. Whom did you give it to?—To my brother Robert, I think it was.
3106. You gave it to your brother Robert?—Yes.
3107. Was he the maker of it?—No.
3108. Why did you give it to your brother Robert?—I could not say. I suppose to show where his money was.
3109. Was it given to him as security that he would get the bridge?—No.
3110. Then why did you leave that note with your brother Robert?—I could not say.
3111. But you must have had some notion why you left it there?—To show where his money went, I think it was.
3112. Were you to get the note back when he got the bridge; was it to be given up when he got the bridge?—I could not say. I never heard any thing more about it since.
3113. Did you tell Robert, or did he tell you to hold the note until he got the bridge?—Nothing like that took place.
3114. Why did he give it to him, then?—I could not tell you.
3115. Do you really know whether Webb's name was on the face or not?—I could not say that.
3116. This Webb, whose name was on the notes, is a Conservative?—I think he is. I would not be sure.
3117. Was he a member of the committee?—I do not think it.
3118. Who was the maker of the other note?—I could not say.
3119. Whose name was on the face of the note—at the bottom of the note—the promiser to pay?—I do not remember whose name it was.
3120. From whom did you get the note?—From Ireland.
3121. Then it could not have been Ireland's note. Do you know who was the maker of the note you got from Ireland?—I could not remember.
3122. Do you know who it was payable to?—I do not remember to whom it was payable.
3123. Do you know how much the note was for?—I would not be certain about it. I think it was close to \$75.
3124. That would be \$150 altogether, and you said your brother only paid \$125. Where did you get the other \$25?—I said one was \$75. I could not be certain as to the other.
3125. At all events the amount you got from your brother paid the two notes?—I think it did.
3126. What did you do with Ireland's note?—I could not tell.
3127. Did you keep it yourself?—I think it is in my house.
3128. And you do not know the maker's name?—No.

THOMAS WEBB called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

3129. You live in Brighton, I understand?—Yes, sir.
3130. Are you a member of the committee that was formed for the purpose of dispensing patronage?—No, sir.
3131. You have nothing whatever to do with that?—No, sir.
3132. Do you know whether William Johnson has any employment on the Murray Canal?—I do not know. I have heard he had, but I do not know for certain myself.

3133. What position did you hear?—Bridge-tender, I understand.

3134. It is a matter of notoriety, is it not, that he has that position?—I understood so; I do not know it.

3135. Do you know whether or not he paid any money for that position?—I do not.

3136. Do you know whether he paid any money at all towards liquidating the liability of the Conservative party?—No, I do not.

3137. Do you know whether Clouston did?—No.

3138. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane regarding Clouston's appointment?—No.

3139. Nor regarding William Johnson's appointment?—No.

3140. Nor regarding William Brown's?—No.

3141. Nor with James Stanley?—No.

3142. You know whom I mean by James Stanley?—I do.

3143. Do you know anything about the appointment of Robert May as bridge-keeper?—No, sir.

3144. Nothing?—No, sir.

3145. Did C. D. Vanalstine deposit any money with you?—Yes, sir.

3146. How much?—\$150.

3147. What did he deposit that with you for?—To use my influence with James Stanley for getting him one of the bridges.

3148. Do you mean to say—I understand you to say that he gave it to you for your influence?—No, to pay to James Stanley for one of the bridges.

3149. He gave it to you for you to pay to James Stanley for one of the bridges?—Yes.

3150. Did you pay it to Stanley?—No.

3151. What did you do with it?—I went to Mr. Stanley and told him what I wanted. I told him I wanted Mr. Vanalstine appointed as tender for one of the bridges, and that he had left me \$150 for it.

3152. What did Stanley say?—He said, I cannot do it.

3153. What else did Stanley say?—Nothing else that I remember. He simply said I cannot do it.

3154. Why could he not do it? I think he told you why it was he could not do it?—Yes, he said that he had reported that Mr. Cochrane was selling these bridges to pay off the mortgage on his farm. For that reason he would have nothing to do with it, and told me to give him his money back. That is about as near as I can judge what he said.

3155. Then he would not give him the appointment because he was circulating that report about Mr. Cochrane?—Yes.

3156. That is the reason why?—Yes.

3157. Did he say anything about the positions having been filled up?—No; I think not.

3158. Try and think again if you please, Mr. Webb, I know you want to give us all the information you can?—No; I do not think he said anything more about that.

3159. Well, when Mr. Vanalstine came to you what did he say about the money—about the \$150?

Counsel objected.

By Mr. Barron:

3160. How did he come to pay you the \$150?—To get one of the bridges.

3161. Were you not surprised at that?—Yes, I was surprised at him leaving the money with me.

3162. I do not mean that. I think that you are a very proper person for anybody to leave money with, but were you not surprised that he should have left money with you for that purpose?—I was surprised.

3163. What did you say about it after he left the money ?
Counsel objected.

By Mr. Barron :

3164. As a matter of fact he did not get the bridge ?—No.
3165. Do you know that William Johnson is a bridge tender ?—Yes.
3166. Do you know any of the other bridge tenders ?—I know John Clouston.
3167. William Johnson and John Clouston, who else ?—William Brown.
3168. Anybody else ?—One of the Mays. I understood that one of the Mays got a bridge, but I do not know for certain.
3169. William Johnson, Fitzgerald, one of the Mays and William Brown were bridge tenders ?—Yes.
3170. Did you receive any money from anybody else in the same way ?—No, I did not.
3171. Did you receive any valuable security other than money ?—No.
3172. You did not ?—No.
3173. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane in regard to the appointment of one of these bridge tenders ?—Yes.
3174. When was that, please ?—I cannot tell you the time, it was soon after Mr. Vanalstine gave me the money.
3175. Where was the conversation held ?—In Stanley's Hall.
3176. Who was present besides you ?—Nobody.
3177. What did you say to him ?—I said, can you give Mr. Vanalstine an appointment to one of the bridges, and he said "No; I have not got a bridge for everybody."
3178. You do not admit then that Mr. Vanalstine had deposited \$150 ?—No.
3179. And he never knew from you the reason why he did not get the bridge ?—Not from me.
3180. Is that the only conversation that you ever had with Mr. Cochrane about any of the bridge tenders ?—Yes.
3181. You are sure that it is the only conversation that you ever had ?—Yes.

DANIEL HUDGINS called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

3182. Mr. Hudgins, you occupy the farm formerly occupied by Mr. Johnson ?—Yes.
3183. That is in the Township of Cramahe ?—Yes.
3184. Then of course you know William Johnson ?—Yes I have known him two years.
3185. When did you last see him ?—About two months ago.
3186. Since then you have not seen him ?—No, I have not.
3187. Nor had any communication with him at all ?—None at all.
3188. Were you present on one occasion when Mr. Johnson delivered to Mr. Cochrane a horse and two cows ?—No, sir, I was not. I have seen his son buy a horse at one time from Mr. Johnson.
3189. Who told you that it was his son ?—I knew him.
3190. Did you see any money paid ?—No, sir, I did not.
3191. Did you never hear about any other animals being delivered to Mr. Cochrane ?—Only the ones I saw his son go away with.
3192. What were they ?—A sow and a horse.

By Mr. Mulock :

3193. What else ?—Nothing else.
3194. Did you hear any conversation between Mr. Johnson and Mr. Cochrane with regard to these ?—No, I heard nothing.

3195. Was Mr. Cochrane present when his son came for the animals?—No.

3196. Was Mr. Hazleton present?—No, sir, not to my recollection.

3197. When did you arrive in Ottawa?—This morning.

3198. Have you been in conversation with the Simpsons since then?—No, sir, not a soul in the world. Nobody knows my business but myself.

3199. Have you seen any of the witnesses who have been subpoenaed in this matter?—Certainly I have; I went round with them.

3200. Had you any conversation with them in regard to this matter?—No, sir.

3201. You never had?—No, sir.

3202. Did they not ask you what brought you here?—Yes, they knew what brought me here; they knew I was subpoenaed.

3203. But, further than that, you had no conversation with any one?—No, sir.

3204. Even with the gentleman from Brighton, or from Colborne?—Only just as friendship.

By Mr. Mulock :

3205. More to have a drink?—Well, no, not in drinks.

By Mr. Barron :

3206. I mean in regard to the evidence to be given today or as regards this matter? No, sir.—

By Mr. Osler :

3207. What is the name of Mr. Cochrane's son who took away the animal?—I could not say which of the sons.

3208. What is his son's business?—I think he is a farmer.

3209. Whoever he was, he was engaged in farming?—I think so.

3210. Farming for himself or his father?—I cannot tell you that; I don't know what his business is.

By Mr. Mulock :

3211. Do you know what William Johnson gave to get that bridge?—I do not.

3212. You never heard?—I never heard.

3213. Do you know of this bridge?—Yes, he told me.

3214. He told you he was a bridge keeper?—Yes.

3215. On the Murray Canal?—I expect that is where he is.

3216. Do you know he is discharged from the position of bridge keeper?—I don't know anything about it, I told you.

3217. When did he tell you he had the office?—Well, he had the office and he was there about a month I think, and over, before I knew he was there.

3218. And were you on Johnson's farm when Cochrane's sons drove away the horse and the sow?—Yes, sir, I was there on my own place—the road divides us.

3219. Your place is near to Johnson's?—Yes.

3220. What did the procession consist of?—You want me to tell you?

3221. Tell us all the animals that were in his menagerie?—There was a sow I saw—a breeding sow I expect it was.

3222. A sow in pig?—I don't say, it was a sow in pig.

3223. Well, a sow they wanted to get in pig? What else?—And a horse, that is all.

3224. Nothing else, but a sow and a horse; were there a couple of cows?—I don't know whether there was a cow.

3225. Was there a cow in the procession?—No, sir.

3226. Who was driving them?—Mr. Cochrane's son, as I saw.

3227. Where were you?—I was on my own land, and the road divided us.

3228. And you saw them go by?—That is all.

3229. Had you any conversation with young Mr. Cochrane?—No, sir; I had not.

3230. Or with Mr. Johnson?—No; not until the next day. Mr. Johnson said that he gave—

Mr. OSLER.—You cannot say what Johnson said.

The WITNESS.—Thomas Johnson, that was the man; he said—

Mr. OSLER.—You cannot tell us what Thomas said.

WITNESS.—Why?

Mr. OSLER.—Because it is not evidence.

The CHAIRMAN.—You must only tell what you know yourself.

By Mr. Mulock :

3231. Can you fix the date of that procession?—No, sir; I cannot.

3232. What year was it?—Last year.

3233. What time of the year?—I guess it was along in the spring work.

3234. Was it before or after Johnson got the bridge?—I could not tell you.

3235. Johnson was at this time on his farm?—He was living with his son.

3236. Did he continue to live with his son?—No, sir; he was on the bridge himself.

3237. He moved down to the bridge?—He moved down and left his wife with his son.

3238. At the time Cochrane drove off the stock, Johnson then had not entered upon his duties at the bridge?—Why, no.

3239. So that his duties began after the horse and the sow went away?—I guess it was.

3240. So that the horse and the sow went away, and then Johnson entered on his duties; that was the order of events?—No, sir; he did not; he commenced this spring.

3241. Not until after the sow had bred a little?—I expect so; you are more of a judge of poultry than I am.

3242. You did not see Mr. Hazelton that day?—No, sir.

PHILIP LAWSON called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

3243. Your post office is Lovitt Post Office?—Yes, sir.

3244. In what township is that?—Murray.

3245. Lovitt Post Office is on the Murray Canal, is it not?—Close by.

3246. Have you been employed on that canal?—Yes, sir.

3247. In what capacity?—As foreman.

3248. Were you promised the appointment of deputy superintendent?—Never.

3249. Were you promised any position on that canal?—No, sir.

3250. None whatever?—None whatever.

3251. Did you apply for a position?—Never.

3252. Did you not see Mr. Cochrane in regard to your position on that canal?—I spoke to Mr. Cochrane, I think, in about 1886, at the time of the local election. I asked him if I ever made an application, if it would be considered favourably, and he said "Yes." That is the only thing.

3253. In 1886?—I saw nothing there, that was worth while a man having and paying for.

3254. At that time, 1886, you had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane?—Yes; I supposed it would be done in another year.

3255. That is the work of construction?—Yes; I thought after I helped to build it I had a right to have a position if I wanted one.

3256. Did you pay any money in connection with getting an appointment?—No, sir, I did not.

3257. Not to Mr. James Stanley?—No; not in connection with the appointment.

3258. What did you pay him the money for?—I paid money once on a subscription of his to a man by the name of Pilkey.

3259. How much was that?—I think about \$3.

3260. In a letter which I hold in my hand—

Mr. Osler objected.

By Mr. Barron :

3261. Is that the only money you ever paid, that \$3?—I lent David Cory Bullock \$100 on that protest bill. I won't say for sure that Mr. Stanley was by at that time. I have a paper for it, and I think likely they are both on. I am not positive.

3262. You took their note?—A due bill.

3263. When was that?—I think it would be about the 1st of September.

3264. Of what year?—1889, I think. About two years ago, or a little more.

3265. When were they to pay you back that money?—They said they would give it back to me, as soon as they got the money back from some parties who were going on the protest. That is what I understood.

3266. From whom?—It was not said from whom.

3267. I mean, who told you that?—Stanley and Bullock. I won't say that Stanley did. It was either one or the other.

3268. Have you ever got it back?—No; I have not.

3269. Do you know what they did with that \$100?—The reason they wanted it, they said, was that there was some note of \$500 that had to be paid at once. It was in the Standard Bank at Colborne, due to some widow woman, and her son was going to get married, and she must have the money, and they had only a short time to get it. It had to be paid the next morning. This money was due in connection with that protest.

3270. Did you loan any other money?—No, I did not; not for political purposes nor party business.

3271. Was there any condition attached to your paying to Bullock or Stanley that \$100?—They said like this: They were talking about the matter and they said they must get the money, and they asked David Cory Bullock to call me aside, and ask me if I could not help them get the money. I said: "It is just like this, before I would help any one to get the money, I would rather give it to you if I could get it back shortly, in the course of a month or two." He said I could get it back. I expect to get it or I shall put it in suit. I only spoke to him once about it.

3272. Did you get a bridge?—No, I would not take the bridge if there was \$1,000 pinned to the end of it. I was drawing as much as three of them, and then buy a bridge.

3273. You did not approve of that?—No; no one asked me.

3274. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane in regard to that \$100?—I think I did speak to Mr. Cochrane since, that I had loaned the party \$100 and I should have it paid back.

3275. Why did you go to Mr. Cochrane?—Because he is the leading man. I know they are on good terms.

3276. Who on good terms?—Stanley and Bullock. Every one in the Riding who is to the front at all.

3277. What did you say to Mr. Cochrane?—That I had not received my money that I paid upon that protest or loaned to Bullock, and I wished they would look around and get it, as I wanted to use it when I got down on the canal.

3278. Did you tell Cochrane how Stanley and Bullock told you they were going to repay you?—No, I did not.

3279. Try to think again. You said, when you loaned the money to Stanley and Bullock, that they said that they would repay you out of the money got from these bridge tenders?—That they would have money.

3280. That is how you were to get paid?—That is where I expected it.

3281. You complained to Mr. Cochrane about not being paid?—Yes, and to other parties.

3282. Who?—Mr. Wade, I think I spoke to him too.

3283. When complaining to Mr. Cochrane, did you complain that the way these men were to repay you, they had not done it?—No, I did not.

3284. Did you not tell him anything about the conversation you had with Mr. Stanley and Mr. Bullock?—No.

3285. Did not mention it to him?—I do not think I did; as I told you, David Cory Bullock asked me for the money to raise this note.

3286. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane with regard to that?—No.

3287. Did you know that the money which these bridge tenders were paying had been absorbed?—I only heard it. It is only hearsay.

By Mr. Mulock :

3288. You had nothing to do with the committee?—I do not know what you might call it.

3289. Tell us how much you had to do?—I was in the village one night and met Mr. Stanley between the shed and the hotel, and he said they had appointed a Committee, or were going to appoint one, and they wished me to act. I said I did not know. It was something I did not like to meddle myself with. But I says “Howsomever, if it is agreeable all round, if I find out when you have a meeting I will go.”

3290. You went to the meeting?—No, sir. When they notified me that they had a meeting I was sick in bed. They notified me twice and I was sick both times.

3291. Did you hear what they decided at their meetings?—I heard that they decided to appoint some men.

3292. To the bridges?—Yes.

3293. Did you hear the names?—I do not know as I did; only one.

3294. Who is that?—Mr. May. I saw him once; I passed him on the road and asked him.

3295. Robert May?—No; Henry May. He said they had recommended Brown.

3296. Do you know what the tariff fixed by the committee for these bridges was?—I do not.

3297. You did not happen to hear?—No; I was at home at the time, sick in bed.

3298. You do not know how much was paid?—No; nor who paid.

JOSEPH COCHRANE called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

3299. You are the postmaster at Colborne, I understand?—Yes, sir.

3300. Do you remember Mr. Hedley Simpson and Mr. Stanley coming to you and leaving \$200 with you?—I remember they came and left some money with me. I do not remember whether it was \$200 or not.

3301. Both say that was the amount, but you do not know whether it was the amount or not?—No.

3302. How did they come to leave the matter with you?—I could not say that. It was to be handed to Mr. Payne, and I think it was on account of Mr. Payne not being in town.

3303. Who is Mr. Payne?—Mr. Payne is a lawyer at Colborne.

3304. And you handed it as soon as you could to Mr. Payne?—I did.

3305. Your instructions were from Mr. Stanley and Mr. Simpson to pay that money to Mr. Payne?—I believe that was it.

3306. And in accordance with those instructions you did pay it to Mr. Payne?—Yes.

3307. What relation is Mr. Cochrane, the member, to you?—He is an uncle.

3308. Did you tell Mr. Cochrane, the member, about that?—No, sir.

3309. You never had any conversation with him about it?—No, sir.

3310. Did it not occur to you as being rather strange—
Mr. OSLER objected.

By Mr. Barron :

3311. I want to ask you to be sure on the point. Try and refresh your memory. Are you quite sure you never mentioned the circumstances of that \$200 to your uncle, the member?—I never knew it was \$200. I did not know what the money was. It was a parcel.

3312. You knew it was money?—I understood it was money.

3313. You knew you had received a certain amount of money from Simpson or Stanley to give to Mr. Payne?—Yes.

3314. Were you often in the habit of receiving money to give to Mr. Payne?—Occasionally.

3315. Can you give me any other instance?—Yes.

3316. What other instance?—It is quite a common occurrence for money to be left in the office for different parties to distribute in town.

3317. However, you say you had no conversation with your uncle in regard to the matter?—No conversation.

3318. Did he ever ask you anything about it?—No, sir.

3319. He never did?—No, sir.

3320. You paid the money to Mr. Payne?—Yes, sir.

By Mr. German :

3321. Was there anything said to you as to what the money was to be applied for?—No, sir.

3322. Your instructions were just to give it to Payne?—Yes.

3323. Were you instructed or not to tell Payne from whom the money came?—I could not say.

3324. You do not remember that?—No.

3325. You told him for whom you were delivering the money?—Yes.

3326. You told Payne the money was left by Stanley and Hedley Simpson. I suppose he did not object to take it? He is a lawyer?—Yes.

3327. Did he seem to know what it was for?—I suppose he was aware.

3328. He did not appear to be surprised at receiving the money?—No, sir.

3329. He did not appear to be offended either?—No, sir.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

3330. Do you know of the existence of a committee at Brighton whose duty it was to dispense patronage in the way of giving away offices?—No, sir ; I do not know.

3331. You never heard of it?—I never heard of it.

3332. Were you one of the parties to a note of \$1,000 given to Mr. Webb?—No.

3333. You were not on the note?—No.

3334. You had nothing to do with it?—I had nothing to do with it.

3335. Were you upon any note for private purposes given to Mr. Webb, or to anybody else, or to the bank?—I was, to the bank.

3336. To which bank?—The Standard bank at Colborne.

3337. For what amount, please?—\$575.

3338. Have you been relieved from your liability on that note?—They say so. I have not seen the note since I signed it.

3339. You say, they say so. Who says so?—Hicks was the first man who said that the note was paid. I can hardly say how he put it. It was that the note was taken up or something.

3340. Hicks told you that?—Yes.
3341. Had you any conversation with Mr. Cochrane in regard to the note?—No.
3342. Never?—Oh, yes I have. How do you mean; after?
3343. Any time after you gave the note, had you any conversation with Mr. Edward Cochrane about it?—I remember I was finding fault with Dr. Willoughby for not taking the note up.
3344. Was Dr. Willoughby on the note too?—Yes.
3345. Who else?—It was his note.
3346. But it had your endorsement?—Yes. I think the first time I put my name to the front along with Dr. Willoughby.
3347. Who else?—I think Mr. Cochrane's name was on the back of it.
3348. Mr. Edward Cochrane?—I think it was, and Mr. Payne.
3349. Yours, Dr. Willoughby's, Mr. Edward Cochrane's and Mr. Payne's?—Yes.
3350. For how much again, please?—\$575.
3351. That was put in the Standard Bank?—Yes.
3352. Can you give the date of it?—No, I cannot.
3353. Mr. Hicks told you it was paid?—Yes.
3354. How was it paid?—That is more than I can tell you.
3355. He didn't tell you?—No. Nobody told me how it was paid.
3356. You never heard it was paid by the proceeds from these bridge-tenders?—No. I have heard it remarked since this thing came out, that that was how it was.
3357. You do not know of your own knowledge?—No. I never saw the notes after I signed them.

By Mr. Osler :

3358. Was it renewed in the same shape?—I cannot say.
3359. Was your name on the back, or was your name always in the same position on the note?—I cannot say.
3360. Were the same parties that made up and endorsed the original note parties by whom it had to be renewed?—I cannot say. All I know is that I signed a note and that would be the note.
3361. Did you see the names of the other parties to it?—Sometimes Mr. Cochrane's name was there, and sometimes Mr. Payne's, and I would sign it.
3362. Who would be the one who would know about this note?—Mr. Payne.
3363. Who asked you to give anything?—I became aware of the difficulty after the protest.

By Mr. Barron :

3364. Who paid the protest fees?—I cannot tell.

By Mr. Mulock :

3365. These parties to the note were accommodation parties, they were not the real debtors?—No.
3366. You were the makers and endorsers, but you just lent your name to be responsible for the money?—Yes.
3367. To pay the party debt?—Yes. I suppose that is what it is.
3368. Whether makers or endorsers, it was an accommodation note?—Yes.
3369. It was not for your benefit but for the purpose of paying the previous debt owing to Mr. Webb?—Yes.
3370. This money was raised by the members of the party for the purpose of being applied to this?—Yes.
3371. And between yourselves you were all equally liable?—Yes, I suppose so.
3372. You remember Mr. Edward Cochrane's name being on that note?—Yes.
3373. Do you remember the first start of that note? On the 8th of December, 1886, Mr. Payne paid to Mr. Webb \$550.50, balance of the note and interest in full up to the 8th day of December, 1886. Is that the time that this started?—I sup-

pose so but I cannot tell. You see that would be nearly 5 years ago. Four years ago last December.

3374. How long was this transaction kept afloat by renewals?—Quite a while I think.

3375. Each renewal was about for how long—three or four months?—I cannot remember, it was quite a while.

3376. Do you remember when you signed the last?—No.

3377. How long is it since you last saw it?—I must have signed two or three. It might be that, or it might be more. I used to call in the bank but I cannot exactly tell you about this.

3378. Is it a year since the last was signed?—It is more than that.

3379. More than two years?—More than that I should judge. It must be all that.

3380. You cannot speak any closer than that?—No.

CHARLES LARKE re-called and further examined:—

By Mr. German:

3381. You were examined yesterday touching some notes that were in the Standard Bank at Colborne. Can you give us any further light regarding those notes than you gave us yesterday?—Nothing further. I said here yesterday that it was necessary to go home to get further information.

3382. You said you had some books here?—The note in question was for collection. The books would show the first two names, and would show that it was signed for. I said I could produce that book.

3383. Who signed for the note?—J. Ketchum, I think. The note was left in for collection for a private party.

3384. Did Ketchum leave the note there for collection?—I cannot say as to that.

3385. But he signed for it when it was taken away?—The note was left for collection for Mrs. Strong, a widow lady and a friend of Mr. Ketchum. The receipt shows his signature for it.

3386. All you have as to that note was the names of the makers?—That is all that is in the books.

3387. When was the Pickworth note paid?—I gave that yesterday.

3388. Then there was another note which you gave Mr. Payne for collection?—That was for suit.

3389. Did you give us the date of the handing of that note to Mr. Payne for collection?—Yes; it is in evidence.

3390. You have no further information in regard to these notes than you gave yesterday?—I have the books if necessary.

3391. They do not give any further light than what that memorandum contains?—No, sir.

By Mr. Barron:

3392. You say this note that was left in for collection by Mr. Ketchum was for a widow lady, Mrs. Strong?—I could not say it was left in by him. It was on her account.

3393. Did you receive any money on account of that note from James Stanley or a man named Bullock?—Not to my knowledge.

3394. Who paid for that note?—It was taken and signed for, but I cannot find any further entry. Yesterday you asked me if there were endorsers.

3395. The amount was over \$400?—\$482.

3396. You have no recollection of receiving anything on account of that note. It was left with you for collection?—Yes; and it was signed for.

3397. It may have been got back, because it was not paid in full?—Do you mean previous to that time?

3398. I mean up to the time you gave it back to Mr. Ketchum, was there any money paid on it?—Not so far as the books will show.

3399. Do you remember giving the note to Mr. Ketchum yourself?—No, sir; I do not. The clerks do that. I could not tell by my subpoena what was required, whether collection or not. I have not touched the books since I brought them here and I have looked to see if there was any further entry and I saw none.

WILLIAM SMITH, Deputy Minister of Marine, called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron:

3400. In pursuance of an order of the Committee you have brought all the papers asked for?—Yes, I produce a file of papers from the Department on this subject.

By the Chairman:

3401. Have you brought all the papers?—There may be a private letter to the previous Minister that would not be on this file.

3402. That is a private letter and, I suppose, would not be produced?—The papers I now produce are everything we have in the office, except as I say there may be a private letter to the Minister. That would be on his private file.

3403. You keep everything on file in the Department?—Yes.

3404. Are these papers all original or copies?—These are original and copies.

By Mr. Barron:

3405. You say these are all the papers that are in your Department relating to the subject under investigation?—Yes.

3406. Did you yourself make a search?—According to our system we have everything on file, and I got the file of papers required, at once.

3407. And the reason why you say these are all the papers is because your system is to have all the papers on file?—Yes, on file.

3408. And that particular file which should contain these papers you searched and found the papers you now produce?—I just took the file out of the box and brought them here, because I thought I had no time to lose.

By the Chairman:

3409. You brought the whole file?—I brought the whole file.

By Mr. Mulock:

3410. You have looked over those papers, I suppose?—Yes.

3411. Tell me whether there is one in regard to the appointment of Hedley H. Simpson?—Hedley H. Simpson was appointed on the 11th of May, at a salary of \$400 a year. His age was 34 years, and he had charge of three lights at Presqu'Isle tower.

3412. On whose recommendation was that appointment made?—He was recommended for the position by Mr. Cochrane, the present member.

3413. Do you find such a recommendation among the papers?—I have a letter here from Mr. Cochrane to the Hon. Mr. Foster, who was Minister of Marine at that time. It is as follows:—

“You will please find enclosed declaration of Mr. Hedley Simpson, and the other certificates required by your Department. I trust that this appointment will now be made without delay.

“Yours truly,

“E. COCHRANE.”

By Mr. Osler :

3414. What date is that?—27th April, 1888.

By the Chairman :

3415. That letter appears to refer to some previous communication. Is it on file; if so, kindly read it?—Will I read the declaration of Hedley Simpson?

3416. No.—There is a letter of the 20th April, as follows :—

“Hon. GEORGE E. FOSTER,

“Minister Marine and Fisheries.

“DEAR SIR,—I wrote you some time ago about the appointment of Manly Simpson (‘It is Manly here’) as lighthouse keeper at Presqu’Isle Harbour. I was at your department to-day, and found that the said appointment had not been made. I hope this will receive your earnest attention as I informed him at Easter that he had been appointed.

“Yours truly,

“E. COCHRANE.”

3417. That letter refers to a prior letter?—It speaks of a prior letter, that is why I say, it is possible that there may be a private letter kept by the Minister of Marine in his private file. I will read the report of Council; I suppose just now that will be in order.

By M. Mulock :

3418. The appointment had not been made when the last letter was received, I presume? That letter was dated 11th of May, was it not?—The Order in Council appointing him is dated 11th May, 1888 :

“Certified extract from a minute of a meeting of the Treasury Board held on 8th May, 1888, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on 11th May, 1888, That Mr. Hedley H. Simpson be appointed keeper of the range lights in Presqu’Isle Harbour, and also to have charge of the buoys in the harbour, at a salary of \$400 per annum, vice Mr. G. B. Simpson, deceased.

“JOHN J. MCGEE,

“Clerk of the Privy Council.”

3419. When was that communicated to Mr. Simpson?—On the 22nd of May, 1888.

3420. And then he entered on his duties?—Yes.

By the Chairman :

3421. He was in charge already?—He was officially notified that he had been appointed.

By Mr. Cochrane :

3422. Did he get allowed as large a salary as his predecessor?—Mr. G. B. Simpson, recently deceased, was allowed a salary of \$375 for attending the two range lights and 13 spar buoys. In February, 1877, his salary was increased to \$425, compensation for looking after the standing timber at Presqu’Isle Peninsula. In March, 1878, his salary was placed at \$375, as it was found expedient to relieve Mr. Simpson from the charge of the timber. In 1883, his salary was increased to \$475, owing to the establishment of a new light at Calf Pasture Shoal, and he has remained at this figure ever since. The station is a very eligible one, there being a good house and four or five acres of good land attached to it; and Mr. Harty is of opinion—that is our surveyor—that \$400 would be ample remuneration.

By the Chairman :

3423. Then his salary was \$400, instead of \$475? \$75 less than his father?—Yes.

By Mr. Barron :

3424. Mr. Hedley Simpson performed the same duties that his father did?—Yes. I presume there must have been a previous letter respecting Mr. Simpson which was a private letter to Mr. Foster.

3425. You think there is a letter?—I think so, because Mr. Cochrane says “ I wrote you sometime ago ” and I see no letter from him on that file.

The Committee then adjourned.

COMMITTEE ROOM, Friday, 4th September, 1891.

Committee met—MR. TISDALE in the Chair.

WILLIAM L. PAYNE called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

3426. Mr. Payne, you are a solicitor practising in Colborne, I understand?—Yes.

3427. And you are solicitor for the Standard Bank there?—I am.

3428. Are you the only Mr. Payne, solicitor in Colborne?—I am.

3429. The only one?—Yes.

3430. You were liable on a note which Mr. Larke, manager of the bank, gave to you for collection?—I was.

3431. Who were on the note with you?—(Counsel objected.)

3432. The note was put into your office?—It was put into my office. But I was sick in bed at the time.

3433. Did you see the note at the time?—I do not know that I saw it then; I saw it one time, but it was before this.

3434. It was before that you saw it?—Yes.

3435. Did you see the note before it was paid?—I do not know that I did.

3436. But the note was in your office when you were sick?—Yes.

3437. Into whose hands would it go?—I cannot tell.

3438. Well now, try and consider. Who was in charge of the office at the time?—I think it was a man named Nichol.

3439. Does he live there now?—No. I do not know where he lives.

By Mr. Mulock :

3440. Was he your managing clerk there?—Yes.

3441. What was his first name?—Douglas was his first name.

By Mr. Barron :

3442. Have you any knowledge yourself of this note having been placed in your hands for collection by Mr. Larke?—No. It was not placed in my hands, but in the hands of Nichol.

3443. Who was your managing clerk?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock :

3444. Do you know where the note is now?—No.

3445. You cannot find the note yourself.—No.

By Mr. Barron :

3446. You were one of the parties to the note yourself?—I was the endorser.

3447. What did you do with the note?—I cannot tell what became of it. It may have been destroyed in the office.

3448. Have you looked for the note?—Yes; but I cannot find it.

3449. It may have been destroyed by somebody in the office?—Yes. I cannot tell you what became of it. I was not the maker, I was simply the endorser.

3450. Was the note protested?—Yes.
 3451. You are sure of that?—I know it was.
 3452. Who signed the notarial protest?—I cannot say that.
 3453. You do not know?—No.
 3454. You are solicitor for the bank?—Yes.
 3455. And you are notary for the bank as well as solicitor?—Yes; but I have not always protested notes, sometimes when I have not been there, other parties have protested the notes.
 3456. You cannot say who did so. on this occasion?—No. I have no distinct recollection of the protest of this note at all.
 3457. You know as a matter of fact that it was protested?—I do not know personally that it was. I have no recollection of ever seeing it.
 3458. Do you recollect anything about Hedley Simpson and James Stanley paying \$200 or any sum to the postmaster, Mr. Cochrane—postmaster at Colborne—to give to you?—I do not know anything about it. I do not know who gave me the money.
 3459. You know it was paid?—I know I received \$200 from Mr. Cochrane, the postmaster, and that the money had been left with him by somebody.
 3460. You received \$200 from Mr. Cochrane?—Yes.
 3461. And was that amount paid into the bank?—Yes.
 3462. To your credit?—On account of this particular note.

By Mr. Mulock :

3463. You paid this \$200 into the bank on account of the note?—Yes, on account of the note that had been put into my hands for collection.

By Mr. Barron :

3464. Will you describe the note, please?—I do not know that I can describe it more than I have done.
 3465. You were the endorser of the note?—Yes.
 3466. Who else?—I do not know whether anybody else was endorser or not.
 3467. Might I refresh your memory. Were Willoughby and Pickworth on the note?—I think they were the makers.
 3468. Who were the endorsers?
 Counsel objected.
 Mr. Willoughby, M.P.P., was asked whether he had the note in question in his possession, and replied that he had not, and that he did not know whether the note was in existence.
 Mr. OSLER withdrew his objection.

By Mr. Mulock :

3469. What was the amount of the note?—Something over \$600.

By Mr Barron :

3470. Then, Mr. Payne, you say that Dr. Willoughby and Mr. Pickworth were makers of the note?—Yes.
 3471. And you were endorser?—Yes.
 3472. And who else was endorser?—I think Mr. Cochrane was endorser.
 3473. Mr. Edward Cochrane?—Yes.
 3474. The present member?—Yes.
 3475. And he was a member of Parliament last session?—Yes.
 3476. He was in the House at the time?—I think so.
 3477. Then the \$200, Mr. Payne, which you got from Mr. Cochrane, the Postmaster at Colborne, you paid into the bank to be applied to this note?—Yes.
 3478. How did you get the balance?—I don't know that.

3479. I understood Mr. Larke, the banker, to say he had placed this note in your hands for collection, that he never received it back again, but he received the money in payment of the note.—That may be.

3480. That note upon which you paid this \$200 was a renewal of former notes?—Yes.

3481. And that was a renewal, by the renewal of a former note which was in Mr. Webb's hands for \$1,000?—No, it was not.

3482. Then what was that note for?—It was a note which a few of us put our names to, to discount it and pay the other note.

3483. It was at all events to get money to apply to the old \$1,000 note?—Yes, to pay the balance of it.

3484. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Cochrane in regard to the payment of that note?—None whatever.

3485. You never had?—No.

3486. He knew of course he was liable on that note?—Oh, I don't know anything about that. The note was sent to me. I did not see Mr. Cochrane at all.

3487. In pursuance of your instructions from the bank, did you notify all these parties that were on that note?—I cannot say what was done, nothing was done by me personally, I did not write to any body.

3488. Do you know of any one in your office writing to any body for collection?—I cannot say that I do. I suppose some one did.

3489. As solicitor on behalf of the bank, you would see your instructions were carried out?—That is my usual practice—the practice of the office.

3490. Then the practice of your office would be of course, in pursuance of your instructions to notify all the parties responsible on that note?—Yes.

3491. After that, did Mr. Cochrane see you in regard to it?—No.

3492. Did Dr. Willoughby see you in regard to it?—I don't know that he did. The Dr. and I were seeing each other every day but I do not remember any conversation between the Dr. and myself with reference to it at all. I don't think we had any.

3493. Did Mr. Pickworth see you at all about it?—I saw Mr. Pickworth on one occasion.

3494. Did he tell you he had received notice?—It was before the note became due.

3495. He did not see you, after the note became due?—I don't think so.

3496. You have no recollection of that?—I am quite sure he did not.

3497. Then what you say is this. That so far as you know, in pursuance of a notice sent from your office, none of the parties on this note ever spoke to you in regard to it?—I don't think so.

3498. Did you know anything about where this \$200 came from?—Only what I heard here—that is all.

3499. You never knew, until what you heard here since this investigation began?—No.

3500. Do you say it was paid it on account of this note?—Yes.

3501. Where?—It was left for that purpose; it was handed to me in payment of this note.

3502. By whom was it handed to you?—Joseph Cochrane?

3503. The postmaster of Colborne?—Yes.

3504. Did he tell you where he got it?—No.

3505. Did you ask him?—I did not.

3506. You were just content to receive it? (No answer).

By Mr. Cameron (Huron):

3507. You did not pay it yourself?—It was paid over from my own office. I expect—by my clerk.

3508. There was \$200 paid on the principal, and there was a renewal of a new note for the balance?—Yes.

3509. And made with whom?—I think Pickworth and myself made it and Dr. Willoughby endorsed it.

3510. Did you pay the \$200 over to the bank yourself?—No, some one in my office. I suppose it was this party that has been referred to.

3511. The manager of your business when you were sick?—Yes.

3512. Did you ever tell the other makers of the note that the \$600 note was paid?—I may have told Dr. Willoughby I am not sure, but I expect I did.

3513. Did you tell Mr. Cochrane?—No, I did not see Mr. Cochrane.

3514. Did you see him or not?—I have seen him.

3515. Did you ever tell him that that note was paid?—I do not think I ever have had any conversation with Mr. Cochrane about it, I did not meet him very frequently and we were not the habit of exchanging conversation.

3516. Are you sure you did not tell him, or tell anybody else to tell him?—I am certain I did not tell him.

3517. Did he ever make any enquiries of you about it?—No.

3518. You were not sure whether you wrote to Mr. E. Cochrane or not?—I did not.

3519. Did any person in your office?—I think not.

3520. Your clerk did not tell you he had written to the parties?—No, sir.

3521. It would be this same man Nichol who wrote if anyone did?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock :

3522. Mr. Larke, who spoke yesterday as to the note, gave us as the date 16th November, 1887. Is this the note you have been referring to? Mr. Larke spoke of a note in the Standard Bank which was dated 16th November, 1887, the makers being Mr. Willoughby and Pickworth, and the endorsers yourself and Edward Cochrane, for \$619.99, and due twenty days after date. He said he put it in your hands?—That is the note I am referring to.

3523. Mr. Larke said he placed that note in your hands—meaning your office, I presume—for collection, and that you paid it on the 29th February, 1888. When Mr. Larke was asked when the \$200 on that note was paid to the bank he was unable to say. He stated, if my recollection is correct, that the note was paid all in one sum by you or your office?—It is not correct.

3524. If it is not correct, in what way did you dispose of the \$200?—I paid it to the bank on the 25th February, 1888.

3525. And had it applied on the note?—Yes.

3526. You paid it to the bank and had it applied to the note on 25th January, 1888?—Yes.

3527. Did you see it endorsed on the note?—I do not think they had the note. There was so much collected on account of the note.

3528. The bank was the holder of the note?—They were the holders, but I suppose the note was in my office.

3529. It had not reached your office yet?—Yes; it was in my office in December.

3530. Do you remember the date when you received the \$200?—I received it on the 25th January and paid it on the same day.

3531. You do not remember whether it was endorsed on the note? The note was in your hands at the time?—I just put the money in the bank and endorsed it as so much paid on the note.

3532. Then you raised the balance in the other way you spoke of?—Yes.

3533. The banker, Mr. Larke, said he found another note dated 21st February, 1888, payable in twelve months after date, for \$482.18?—\$446, I think, was the amount.

3534. My notes may not be correct. What we have to establish by you is that in January the \$200 in question was applied on this note?—On the 25th January, 1888.

3535. You protest the notes of the bank?—Generally.

3536. Do you keep a notarial protest book?—No; the bank gives us one.

3537. That is merely a receipt book? Did you keep a book showing when you sent out the protest?—No, I never kept any special book for that purpose.

3538. Did you keep a record of whom you notified?—I have not, because I adopted a different system with the bank some four or five years ago and we keep a different record. We initial the books in their record and they initial our book when they are returned. When I receive them I initial them, and when I return them they initial. One checks the other.

3539. It is customary to keep a record in the office?—I did not keep any record. The only record I ever took was keeping the bank number, if it was a deed. That would be discount.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron):

3540. When was the balance paid?—29th February, 1888.

3541. Was it paid on the day you discounted the other note, or borrowed the money?—Yes.

By Mr. Barron:

3542. How do you recollect the day when you paid the \$200?—It is the only transaction of the kind I ever had.

3543. That would not necessarily fix the date in your mind. This was two or three years ago?—It is three years last January.

3544. Did you make any memorandum at the time you paid it?—No, I did not.

3545. Have you since that, had occasion to think of the date when you paid it?—I never required any thought to fix the date.

3546. From that time to the present you have never thought of the date when you paid it?—I never had any occasion to do so.

3547. And not having any special occasion you did not?—I did not require to. I knew perfectly well what the date was.

3548. You might remember at the time, but you say you did not make any memorandum of any kind of when you paid it?—My clerk did. I did not. He did it by my direction.

3549. But you have not looked at that date since?—I have seen it, I suppose.

3550. I understood you to say you never had any occasion to?—I never looked at it specially. I may have seen it.

3551. Have you any recollection at this moment of having seen that date?—No.

3552. So that from that time to the present, that memorandum, which you say your clerk made, has never refreshed your memory?—No.

3553. The banker says that the note was paid on the 29th February, 1888, in one sum.—That is not so.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron):

3554. Do you keep a cash book?—That never went into my books at all. The only place that was entered was a memorandum in my office book.

3555. Cash book or blotter—Just a memorandum of daily occurrence in the office. It never went into the cash book.

3556. There is a memorandum of it in your memoranda book?—Yes.

3557. Have you that with you?—No.

3558. Have you examined it lately with a view of refreshing your memory?—No, there was no need to.

3559. As a matter of fact, you have not done it?—No.

3560. That is the only place in which it was entered?—Yes.

3561. It was not paid by cheque; you just handed the cheque over?—The cash was handed into me and I just handed it over to the bank.

3562. To whom did you hand it in the bank?—It was paid to the teller, I do not know who he was at that time.

3563. Have you no recollection of who the teller was at that time?—No, they have had so many changes there that I cannot recollect the different ones.

3564. You do not recollect?—No.

3565. And you say the \$200, was paid when?—25th January, 1888. It was the 29th February when the balance was paid.

By Mr. Osler :

3566. With reference to the paying over of moneys which you received for collection were you in the habit of retaining the moneys for any length of time?—No.

3567. When you received the money for collection on the one day, you handed it over to whoever you collected it for?—I handed it over.

3568. There would be no object in holding the money?—I never did. I handed it over at once if the party lived in the neighbourhood, or else I gave him a cheque.

3569. Your practice would be to pay it immediately?—I know I paid it the same day. It never went into my pocket.

3570. Would you be at all likely to communicate with Mr. Cochrane on any matter?—I would not.

3571. Have you been on terms of intimacy with him or friendliness?—Personally we are not friends.

3571a. And there would not likely be a communication between you?—No.

3572. You know of the original \$1,000 note?—I do.

3573. You have it, I think?—I have.

3574. Will you produce it (Note produced by witness.) This is the original note of which Mr. Webb produced a copy. There is an error in the copy, E. M. Cochrane appears at the bottom, instead of C. Cochrane, he is a nephew I think of the present member?—Yes.

3575. Robert Cochrane is a son of the present member?—Yes.

Mr. OSLER.—We will put in this note in place of the copy (Note marked Exhibit 1, and substituted for copy previously put in.)

By Mr. Barron :

3576. You are very particular as to the day of the month when you paid that \$200?—Yes.

3577. Can you tell me the day of the week?—No; I cannot.

3578. Can you tell me how it is you remember the one and not the other?—I did not pay any attention to the day of the week.

3579. But you did to the day of the month?—Yes.

By Mr. German :

3580. Do you remember getting a further sum of \$150 on account of this note?—I do not.

3581. James Stanley said in his evidence that he collected \$150 which he sent over to you or to the bank to apply on this note?—It was never sent to me.

3582. Nor to your office?—No.

3583. Then it would be probably sent to the bank?—If it was sent at all it was.

3584. But it was not sent to you?—No.

3585. When the original note was given to raise money, which was applied on \$1,000 note, what was it for, do you remember; what was the amount?—I do not remember the exact amount. It was somewhere near \$600.

3586. Was there anything paid from the time it was originally given until it was finally paid off as you have now stated?—No.

3587. There was nothing paid on it?—No.

By Mr. Barron :

3588. Do you remember whether it was a public holiday, the day you paid it?—I do not.

CHARLES LARKE again re-called and further examined:—

By Mr. Mulock :

3589. I have called you, Mr. Larke, because on your first examination you were very methodical in not extending your search in your books to matters beyond the scope of your subpoena. What I wish to get, is the date of the payment of the \$200 in the bank. Mr. Payne has sworn to a different date from the one you had given. He has given some date in February. You stated that when this was due you received it in payment of the note for \$619.99 according to the entry in your books. Is that so?—Yes.

3590. Mr. Payne says he paid it on the 25th of January?—There is no such entry.

3591. Will you search to find it?—I can state from my own knowledge that there is not.

By the Chairman :

3592. What we want you to find out, is, whether you have got anything in the books about \$200, and you say that to the best of your belief that \$200 was deposited in the bank not on the 25th of January as Mr. Payne says, but on some date in February?—It may have been deposited in Mr. Payne's private account.

3593. Can you bring the book here that contains the entry?—It is difficult to bring the bank books from the office for the purposes of this investigation. You see it would cause inconvenience.

3594. How far would it inconvenience the bank to bring these things now. I suppose this particular book is not being used now:—There are two books that we cannot produce I think, but there are two other books that we can produce.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron) :

3595. How many employees have you in the bank?—Three altogether.

3596. What are they?—Accountant, teller, and a junior.

3597. Now, if this money were paid, who would it be paid to?—The teller.

3598. Can you state who the teller was—is he in the bank now?—(No answer.)

By the Chairman :

3599. It might be possible that you can in some form fix definitely the time the \$200 was paid in, and that is the information the Committee are anxious to have. Can you say who made the original entry in the books?—The teller might make one, the accountant might make one, and the junior might make one.

3600. Where would that entry be?—It would be in the past due entry.

3601. Who would make it?—The teller.

3602. Is he there now?—I think he is in Cobourg.

3603. Will you bring the books showing the entry at the next meeting?—Yes.

WESLEY GOODRICH called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

3604. Where do you live, Mr. Goodrich?—I live now on the Murray Canal.

3605. Are you employed on the Murray Canal?—Yes, sir.

3606. What position did you have?—I am swinging one of the bridges.

3607. Were you aware of the fact that Obadiah Simpson had been promised the position of bridge-keeper?—I believe so. I understood him to say that he was encouraged in that way.

3608. You understood that from Obadiah Simpson?—I understood from some person that he was promised it. I think he informed me that Mr. Keeler once told him, but I am not positive.

3609. Now you wanted the position yourself, did you not, Mr. Goodrich?—Yes, sir.

3610. Did you see Mr. Cochrane about it?—(No answer.)
3611. Will you kindly look and say whether you saw Mr. Cochrane about it?—I spoke to Mr. Cochrane about it.
3612. Before you got the position?—Yes, sir.
3613. What did you say to Mr. Cochrane?—I asked him if he could not assist me in the matter and let me have one.
3614. That was what you said?—I am not positive of the words I used.
3615. And what did he say?—He said there were others applying for it.
3616. What others did he say?—He mentioned Mr. King and Mr. Cardington, a farmer, I believe.
3617. Any others that he mentioned?—I am not positive that he mentioned any others.
3618. Will you refresh your memory. Did he mention Mr. Obadiah Simpson?—I believe he did.
3619. Try and think?—I will, but I do not remember as he did. My memory is poor. I had a sunstroke about three years before that; and I am not positive.
3620. Did he say anything about Mr. Simpson being an old man and too old?—He did afterward, but not then. He said I was foolish for letting my farm go.
3621. He told you that afterward?—I am not positive. I would not say he did.
3622. How long after the first conversation did he tell you that?—I cannot say.
3623. Was it before you got the position?—Yes.
3624. Then you had two conversations with Mr. Cochrane before you got the position?—Yes, I think I spoke to him twice and he told me I was foolish.
3625. The first time you merely asked him if he would help you and he said others were applying, and gave you the name of Mr. King as one, and in the second conversation he spoke of Mr. Obadiah Simpson?—I would not be positive that it was him. There was a good deal of talk about it.
3626. What about old man Simpson as being too old?—Mr. Wade told me that. I think it was him. I am not positive, of course, as there was considerable talk about these bridges.
3627. On the occasion of the second conversation with Mr. Cochrane, what took place?—He said: "I think you are foolish to do that, because if you dropped away and died what would your family have left to support them?"
3628. You would not necessarily lose your farm by becoming a bridge tender?—I had said I would give a life lease of my farm if I got a position on the Canal. Different people knew this in the neighbourhood.
3629. Who did you say that to?—To different ones. I knew there was others after the bridges, and I made that statement that I would give this lease.
3630. Mr. Cochrane said you were foolish to give a life lease of your farm?—Yes.
3631. Did you tell him you were willing to do it?—I told him I did not know what else to do, as I could not stand the work in the field; the sun hurt my head.
3632. You had talked with Mr. Cochrane about giving a life lease of your farm?—I explained it to him and he said I was foolish. I told him I did not know what else to do.
3633. Then you did give a lease of your farm?—I did.
3634. To whom?—To Obadiah Simpson. I believe that is the name. There is a lot of the Simpsons, but I think Obadiah is his name.
3635. At whose suggestion was that lease given?—If I understand you right, I suggested to do it myself. I proposed it first myself.
3636. What made you think of it?—Because my idea was, that I could not stand to work the land and I had made up my mind to go at something else.
3637. The fact of your health being poor would not suggest the giving to any man of a life lease of your farm?—If he had the promise by someone else that he would have a bridge, and he was old and the Government would not accept a man 80 years old, I was willing to give him a lease of my farm if he would give it to me.

3638. By giving him a life lease of the farm you were going to get the position of bridge tender?—The position that he said he was promised.

3639. Who was promised?—Obadiah Simpson.

3640. You were to take his place and give him a life lease of your farm?—Yes.

3641. Who did you understand that from?—From Obadiah Simpson, and Mr. Wade, his son-in-law. Mr. Wade brought him there and did the talking.

3642. Where was that business done?—At my place, on the property.

3643. How long before the lease was drawn?—Sometime before. I have no memorandum, and I cannot say. I cannot speak as to length of time.

3644. Might it be a month?—Yes, it might be three months. It might be longer. He had been promised the bridge in the spring, and this was fall.

3645. Did Mr. Cochrane know about this lease being given?—I do not know whether he did or not. I know he said I was foolish to do it. I saw him at Brighton and I asked him if he would witness the lease being drawn, and he said no. He was opposed to it, seemingly.

3646. He refused?—Yes.

3647. Then of course he knew the lease was going to be drawn?—He may have supposed it.

3648. Had you the promise of the position at that time?—From Mr. Simpson? Wade came there and looked over the place, and I asked Mr. Simpson if he was willing to exchange and he said, yes. I supposed it was a bargain, if he got it.

3649. It was not then that the lease was drawn?—No, after.

3650. Did you make any appointment to meet at Brighton?—Yes, to draw the lease.

3651. With whom?—With Mr. Wade and Mr. Simpson.

3652. How was it that Mr. Cochrane was there that day?—It was not that day. We set a day that the lease was to be drawn some two or three weeks hence. I set a time in the future that we were to meet and draw the lease, and I saw Mr. Cochrane in the meantime. I said something to him about witnessing the lease and he refused. I said no more, as I saw he was not willing.

3653. So far as you remember you only had two conversations with Mr. Cochrane?—As far as my memory serves me. We used to see each other often in the village of Brighton, but I do not remember anything particularly.

3654. Is this a valuable farm of yours?—No, sir.

3655. Who is in possession of it now?—Mr. Obadiah Simpson.

3656. Did he go into possession of it after the lease was drawn?—Yes, sir. He would not go on before.

3657. I see you gave this farm to him for his life without drawing any rent for it?—No more than you would draw from any life lease. As I understand it you cannot draw from any life lease more than the price of a peppercorn.

3658. Is that the way you like to give a life lease of property?—If I gave a life lease I would give it in the way the law wants it.

3659. You did not get that peppercorn?—He gave me a bag of apples, and I thought that was equal to it.

3660. What did you get for this life lease?—I was to get the situation at the bridge if he got it.

3661. If he got the appointment?—Mr. Simpson?

3662. Obadiah Simpson?—Yes.

3663. If he got the appointment you were to get it in his place?—Yes.

3664. What was the conversation about, in the event of your being discharged from the position; would you get back the property?—There was something said, at least I had heard something I could not tell from whom, that the probability would be, that there would be only one required on the canal. Some thought there would not be much traffic through there, and therefore I made that proposal that if only one was appointed and I was not needed that it was only fair to me to restore me back my farm. The arrangement was made, and we went to Mr. Lockwood who drew the life lease to Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wade was also there.

3665. Was anyone else present?—I do not recollect if there was any person else or not.

3666. Try and refresh your memory. Did you speak to anyone else about the matter?—I do not think I did, sir. I may have spoken to my brother something to that effect, but I do not recollect.

3667. Did Mr. Cochrane know it?—He may have heard it. He did not know it from my telling him.

3668. When you asked him to witness the lease, did you talk over the terms with Mr. Cochrane?—I do not think I did. I have no recollection of it.

3669. You simply asked him to witness the lease?—Yes; or to come and see it drawn—something to that effect.

3670. After you got the lease did you tell Mr. Cochrane?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

3671. Will you swear you did not tell him?—To the best of my memory, I do not think I did.

3672. And you say your memory is very defective?—I say it is not good.

3673. Do you know Mr. James Stanley?—I know the man by sight, that is all.

3674. Had you ever any talk with him?—Not a minute, until I met him to-day. He asked me if I would like to see through the buildings, and I said I would. I went with him and some others through the buildings.

3675. You never talked with him before to-day?—No, sir.

3676. What else were you to do besides giving the lease to Obadiah Simpson before you got that bridge?—I proposed to give \$200.

3677. Who asked you to give \$200?—Mr. Wade.

3678. Is he the only one who ever asked you?—Yes; to the best of my knowledge he is. I do not recollect any other person.

3679. Again I ask you is your memory defective?—It is a little—I do not remember.

3680. Would you like to qualify your statement by saying to the best of your knowledge?—I am perfectly safe in saying no one else did. I am going to swear to the best of my memory.

3681. Did Mr. Cochrane know you were to pay \$200?—I cannot tell you what Mr. Cochrane knew.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron) :

3682. You talked of the life lease to Mr. Cochrane?—I told Mr. Cochrane what I would do about it. He told me I was very foolish.

3683. You told him about the life lease?—I told him that.

3684. That you were willing to give the life lease of your farm to get a bridge?—Yes, sir.

3685. Did you tell him you were willing to pay \$200 besides?—I did not. I have no recollection of it.

3686. At no time?—I won't say at no time. I think I did once tell him.

3687. When?—Some time before that.

3688. How long before that?—I could not tell you.

3689. You told him at that time that you were willing to give a life lease and the \$200?—No, sir. Wade proposed that if I got the bridge I should give \$200.

3690. You told Mr. Cochrane that Wade had proposed that you should pay \$200 to the bridge?

MR. OSLER objected.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron) :

3691. You have just told me, I think, that you told Mr. Cochrane you were willing to give a life lease of your farm for a bridge? Is that so?—Mr. Cochrane mentioned to me that there was a man by the name of King who wanted a bridge. Then I said I would give \$200 at that time.

3692. For the bridge?—For the bridge.

3693. What did he say?—He said he did not want the money. He said he would not have a dollar.

3694. Did he refer you to anyone else?—I am not sure whether he referred me to Obadiah Simpson or not.

3695. Did he refer you to the committee?—No.

3696. Did he refer you to Webb?—No.

3697. Or to Stanley?—No, sir.

By Mr. Barron :

3698. You did pay the \$200?—I did sir.

3699. That was before you gave the lease?—Yes, sir.

3700. To whom did you pay the \$200?—I paid it to Mr. Edward Cochrane.

3701. To the member for the east riding of Northumberland?—Yes. It was more convenient for me to go to him than to Mr. Wade. Wade's was a long way out of my way. He told me to take it to Mr. Payne, when I offered it to him.

3702. Who told you?—Mr. Cochrane. I said to him, "are you not going to Colborne soon? It is out of my way if I have to go on purpose." He said, "Wallace is going to-night with the grist." The team was standing in the yard and I suggested that perhaps Wallace would take it up. He said he could. Wallace went for his overcoat, and I took the money out of my pocket and asked him to count it.

3703. Whom did you ask to count it?—Mr. Cochrane.

By the Chairman :

3704. I think you had better tell the committee again what happened there?—I agreed with Mr. Wade to pay this \$200. Mr. Wade lived at Hilton, quite a way from my place, and I went to Mr. Cochrane (he was in the barnyard at the time when I arrived), and I asked him would he take the money. He told me to take it to Mr. Payne at Colborne, but that was quite a way for me to go. I said, "Are you not going soon," as I knew he went there often. He said, "Wallace is going to-night with the grist." I had noticed the team and waggon in the yard. Wallace was going to the house to get his overcoat and I suggested that somebody ought to count the money. I said, "Would he." He did not answer me but he seemed not to want to do it. I took it out of my pocket and urged him. He then took it and counted it and then handed it to Wallace. Wallace had got back by this time. He said, "Wallace, give that to Payne." That is as straight as I can tell you.

By Mr. Barron.

3705. What did you give that \$200 for? What value did you get for it?—I got the situation—the bridge.

3706. And that is what you gave the money for?—I suppose if you put it that way, I don't know any other. Mr. Wade told me he was holding it for some money he wanted to realise on it.

3707. Were you ever present at any conversation when Mr. Wade was present or Mr. Cochrane.—No, sir, I never recollect of any.

3708. Did you ever take any messages from Mr. Wade to Mr. Cochrane?—No, sir.

3709. Or from Mr. Cochrane to Mr. Wade?—No, sir.

3710. How did you arrive at the sum of \$200?—I offered him at one time that I would give him that, and he said he would not take a dollar. Mr. Wade I suppose had heard that I offered \$200. I did not ask Mr. Wade how he knew. I offered it myself, it was my own offer.

3711. To whom was that offer made?—To any person who had a situation on the bridge and would exchange with me, because I was not for working on the farm.

3712. You were willing to give \$200?—I was, and to give the lease of the farm to any body who had the promise of the bridge.

3713. How did you discover it was necessary to pay \$200 to get the position?—Well, I had heard sometime before that there had been a protest between Mr. Wade

and Mr. Ferris, and that there was a deficiency there and they wanted to try and raise money to meet it. I thought if they wanted some help to raise I would help them.

3714. And you knew the money was wanted for that purpose?—I understood so.

3715. Did you know at that time that other bridge tenders were giving money for their positions?

Mr. OSLER objected.

I did not know it to be a fact.

By Mr. Barron :

3716. But you had heard it?—I heard it; I heard a good deal there is nothing in.

3717. When Mr. Cochrane said to pay the money to Mr. Payne or to take it to Mr. Payne, what did he tell you to take it there for?—He did not send me, sir. He just simply said, take or give it Mr. Payne.

3718. Did you not ask him whether you should give it to Mr. Payne?—I did not; it did not matter to him.

3719. You knew I suppose yourself?—I knew it was rumoured they wanted to get money for this—I supposed it was going for this. I did not ask any questions.

3720. Tell me the time when you paid the \$200 to Mr. Cochrane—you gave it into his hand?

Mr. SKINNER.—He did not pay it to Mr. Cochrane.

WITNESS.—I asked him to count it and send it by Wallace to Colborne for me as an accommodation.

3721. What was the date?—I have no memorandum, I could not tell you the date. It will be two years ago this coming fall—from the fall of 1889.

3722. You said it was before the lease was drawn?—Before the lease was drawn.

3723. And the lease was drawn on the 15th of October, 1890?—I did not give the lease until after I got the position.

3724. And the payment of the money was before you got the position?—Yes, sir; a year ago last fall it was.

3725. Can you remember how long before you got the appointment it was that you paid the \$200?—I paid the \$200 a year ago last fall and I got the position a year ago last spring.

3726. You cannot fix any time more than it was in the fall?—No, sir; I cannot. I have no memorandas of the date.

3727. Not even the month?—I would not like to fix the month.

3728. Was the snow on the ground?—It was before the ground froze up.

3729. After harvest?—No; I think it was about the latter end of harvest. He had a stack in the yard that he was threshing.

3730. Was the ground frozen up?—I can give no fixed date.

3731. How comes it then this lease was not executed until such a long time afterwards? The agreement was to give the lease too?—I gave the lease whenever Mr. Simpson was ready. There was no hurry on my part, as far as I know, he took me to be a man of my word.

By Mr. Osler :

3732. With whom did you arrange this matter as to the payment of the \$200?—With Mr. Wade.

3733. How long before you had paid this money was the arrangement made?—It was not a great while, but I have no dates.

3734. Who besides Mr. Wade had you the agreement with?—Mr. Obadiah Simpson.

3735. The old gentleman?—Yes sir.

3736. Wade is his son-in-law?—I understand so.

3737. And is that the Wade who is said to be the member of the committee?—I don't know who the members of the committee were.

3738. You were to pay \$200, according to your agreement, to Mr. Wade?—Yes, sir.

3739. Were you aware at the time whom you were to pay it to?—No, sir.

3740. What did you say about Mr. Payne?—I said that when I presented it, Mr. Cochrane told me to take it to Mr. Payne, to give it to him.

3741. Why did you present it to Mr. Cochrane?—I knew he frequently went to Colborne and it was most convenient to me.

3742. You did not want to go to Colborne?—No, sir.

3743. If you had gone, who would you have paid it to?—To Mr. Payne.

3744. Had Mr. Wade told you to?—I would not be sure whether it was Mr. Payne.

3745. If you had gone in to pay it to Mr. Payne—would it be because of an arrangement you had made with Mr. Wade?—I understood, but I cannot say who told me, that the notes were in Mr. Payne's hands for payment. I got the idea somewhere.

3746. Had you that idea that you were to pay it to Mr. Payne before you came to Mr. Cochrane?—I could not say that I had.

3747. You could not say whether you had or had not?—I would not like to.

3748. But in some way, you don't know when or how, you got the idea that the money was payable to Mr. Payne?—I heard the notes were in Mr. Payne's hand, and he threatened to sue, and I understood they had to raise this money.

3749. Who told you that?—I could not say now.

3750. Did you have any talk with Wade about it?—When Wade came on the place we had a talk about it and he mentioned about the notes, but as to what he said about Mr. Payne I could not say now.

3751. You had two conversations with Mr. Cochrane?—I had, sir.

3752. And you say on both occasions he dissuaded you from going into the transaction?—Yes, sir, he thought I was foolish.

3753. How long was it before, these two interviews you had with him, you had seen Mr. Cochrane?—It was not a great while, but I have no dates.

3754. I understand you to say that on that occasion you offered Mr. Cochrane money and he would not take it?—Yes, he would not take a dollar. He spoke short and quick and would not take a dollar.

3755. You had offered him \$200 for the place?—I offered him the money, but he said he would not take a dollar.

3756. And when you spoke to him about the farm, he advised you against giving it up?—Yes. He said I would be very foolish to give up my farm, and I told him since I had the sunstroke I was not so well able to look after it, and would like an appointment on the bridge. He said: "What will become of your family," and he advised me to think well of what I was doing.

3757. So, if you had acted on his advice you would not have parted with your farm or your money?—No.

3758. That was substantially what he told you on both occasions?—It was.

3759. When you saw him again you told him what you had done with regard to the farm—that you had a specific arrangement, and that Mr. Simpson was satisfied?—I told him Mr. Simpson seemed to be satisfied with the arrangement.

3760. Did you tell him what had been done?—No more than what I have told you. I told him that they were satisfied.

3761. Then you urged the money on him to accommodate you in getting the appointment?—Yes.

3762. Why did you offer him the money?—I thought he could take it to Mr. Payne, and save me a journey.

3763. You wanted to save yourself a journey to Colborne?—Yes. To save me a drive of 13 or 14 miles to Mr. Payne's. He said his son Wallace was going and he would take the money. He said, I might send it by Wallace to Mr. Payne.

3764. It was simply a question of your going there and leaving the money, or driving 14 or 15 miles yourself?—Yes, sir, it was.

3765. And without hesitation he took it and said his son Wallace would take it to Mr. Payne?—Yes.

3766. And you gave the money accordingly?—Yes.

3767. And that is all that there is about it?—Yes.

3768. But he was against you taking the appointment?—Yes, he opposed me in the transaction all through.

By Mr. Mulock :

3769. How did Mr. Cochrane know that you should take it to Mr. Payne?—I do not know. I did not ask him, and he did not tell me.

3770. Did he appear to know what the \$200 was for?—I do not know that he said a word. He said in one of the conversations that I had with him, that they had got into trouble over the protest, and of course I understood that the trouble related to the funds. I understood somebody to say that there was trouble over the protest.

3771. What do you mean by getting into trouble—getting into debt?—Yes, I took it that way.

3772. You say you told Mr. Cochrane when you went there to leave the money with him, that you had made an arrangement about your place, and that they were satisfied?—Yes.

3773. You are sure you used the word satisfied?—Yes.

3774. What had you agreed to give at that time?—I had agreed to give the old gentleman a life lease of the place and to pay \$200 for the debt of the party.

3775. Do you think that Mr. Cochrane knew that you had agreed to give Obadiah the lease?—I do not know whether he did or not. I do not know that it was anything to him whether I did or not. The neighbours talked about it, and other people would meet him and tell him what I had done. So he said to me: "Goodrich, don't you think you are foolish."

3776. You do not know who told him?—I could not say who spoke to him.

3777. I will read you this in order to ascertain if you heard of it before. I am about to read from the statement that Mr. Cochrane made on the 20th of August, 1891, in reply to one of these charges. In the course of his observations, Mr. Cochrane said: "It had been understood I would recommend for appointment to the bridge an old man named Obadiah Simpson, and arrangement was made between Simpson and Goodrich by which Simpson was to take a life lease of Goodrich's farm." Do you know that it had been so understood? Do you know that it had been understood that Mr. Cochrane would recommend Mr. Obadiah Simpson for the office?—I know that there was talk, that Obadiah Simpson had been promised a bridge, and I suppose it had been through Mr. Cochrane.

3778. You understood that he was to get the bridge?—Yes.

3779. And you found that if you were to have the bridge it would be necessary for you to satisfy Obadiah?—Yes.

3780. And it was to satisfy him that you gave a life lease of the farm?—Yes.

3781. Did you tell Mr. Cochrane that you were willing to satisfy Obadiah?—I might have done so. I dare say I did, but I really cannot tell.

3782. Had he mentioned to you that he had promised Obadiah?—I would not say whether he ever did so or not.

3783. Do you remember telling him what you were willing to do, in order to satisfy Webb and Obadiah Simpson, and that you had satisfied Simpson with regard to the lease, and Webb with regard to the money?—Yes, sir.

2784. You had satisfied the two?—I felt that I had.

3785. The arrangement was satisfactory all round?—Yes. I proposed to do that if that would satisfy them, and they were satisfied.

3786. And you entered upon your duties the following spring—in the spring of 1890?—Yes.

3787. This arrangement was made in the fall of 1889?—Yes, it was a year ago last fall.

3788. You did not give up possession of your farm until you got the appointment?—No, I think there was a conversation when I spoke of it before the agreement was entered into with Mr. Webb and Mr. Simpson. I said I would not give up possession of my place and of my house until I got the position, so that I would be in a manner set to the road.

3789. When you went to Mr. Cochrane with the money the harvest was over?—It was pretty nearly over.

3790. There is doubt of the year being 1889?—No. There is no doubt about its being a year ago last fall.

3791. In the following spring, you went on pay?—Yes, sir.

3792. The canal was not opened until the following spring, and you were the first tender on the bridge, were you not?—Well, Mr. Clouston was put on two days before me I believe.

3793. But you were practically there at the commencement—at the opening of the canal?—Yes, sir.

3794. And you drew pay for your services that Spring?—Yes.

3795. And you received your formal appointment in the Fall?—I do not know whether it would be that way or not.

3796. Do you know that you gave more than the others gave for the appointment to the bridges?—I believe I gave more.

3797. Why did you give more than the others gave?—I was satisfied to give that on account of the state of my health. I wanted the position it did not matter to me what the others gave.

3798. Did you know what was the regular tariff for bridges?—I heard other people talking that they gave \$150 but I do not know I ever heard a bridge tender say so.

3799. They were as low as \$125.00 at one time?—I did not know that.

3800. May only paid \$125 for his.—I did not know that.

3801. They went up afterwards according to the difficulty?—I could not tell you that. I made this arrangement to satisfy Wade and Simpson, and I did not care what the others did.

By Mr. Barron:

3802. You had two conversations with Mr. Cochrane?—Yes.

3803. At the first you talked to him about the lease?—No, sir, I think not.

3804. Was that the second?—Yes, sir.

3805. Was that before you had seen Mr. Wade?—It was before I had seen Mr. Wade that I said that I would give a life lease. It was public. I told Mr. Cochrane one day that I would do it and he said I was foolish.

3806. That was the second conversation?—Yes.

3807. You did not tell Mr. Cochrane anything then about your willingness to pay money?—The second time? No, I have no recollection of it.

3808. There was no conversation about money the second time?—No. I did say to Mr. Cochrane that I would sell that property for less than the value if I could get it.

3809. There was no conversation about paying any money at the second conversation?—About the bridge? No, not to my knowledge.

3810. It was in the second conversation he tried to dissuade you?—Yes.

3811. But the giving of the lease was mentioned?—I believe I said I would be willing to.

3812. He did not know your willingness to pay money?—I do not know what he may have known.

3813. There was nothing said about money at the second conversation?—Not about paying money, to my knowledge.

3814. When Mr. Cochrane tried to dissuade you, it was in regard to the lease?—Yes.

OBADIAH SIMPSON called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron.

3815. You reside in the Township of Cramahe?—Yes.
3816. Were you desirous of getting the position of bridge keeper on the Murray Canal?—Yes, I was some.
3817. Did you apply to anybody for a position of that kind?—No, I did not. I may have talked to Mr. Cochrane some about it before that.
3818. Before what?—Before the Canal was given out.
3819. Before the positions were given out you had talked with Mr. Cochrane?—I had, yes.
3820. Did you express to him a desire to become one of the bridge tenders?—I suppose I did.
3821. You asked him if he could get you appointed?—Yes, and he told me no, that he could not on account of my age.
3822. What is your age?—80 years last March.
3823. Had you a conversation with Mr. James Stanley at any time?—Yes.
3824. What was your conversation with him?—He came to me and the first I knew about him was—I am getting so I forget everything.
3825. Take your time and don't hurry?—He gave me a right to the Canal. You know what I mean—the right to a bridge.
3826. He told you, you would be appointed?—Yes, he came to me and appointed me.
3827. That is, promised you the appointment?—Yes, promised me the appointment.
3828. Because you never were appointed, as a matter of fact?—No.
3829. He just promised you the appointment?—Yes.
3830. Then you felt sure you were going to get it?—Yes, I did. He told me to go and get a man—to appoint another man under me.
3831. To do the work and not you?—Yes.
3832. Because you were too old?—Yes.
3833. How was it you did not do that?—I found out that it would not pay, and I had a better position offered me than that, and I took it. I gave up and did not have any more to do with the canal.
3834. You got a better position?—I think so.
3835. What was the position you got?—There was about sixty acres of land that was a very nice little place and everything, and I got a life lease of that.
3836. From whom?—From Wesley Goodrich.
3837. What did you give to Wesley Goodrich for getting that?—Nothing at all, only I gave up my right to the canal.
3838. You did not give him anything at all?—No, sir.
3839. You mean money of course?—No money.
3840. But you gave up your right to the canal?—Yes, whatever it was.
3841. That is what you gave for the lease?—Yes.
3842. Are you any relation to Mr. Goodrich?—No sir, no relation at all?
3843. What relation are you to Mr Andrew Simpson?—He is a son of mine.
3844. What relation is Mr. Hedley Simpson to you?—He is a second cousin. I think; about that.
3845. And Herbert Simpson?—Well they are brothers. He is a second cousin of mine.
3846. Herbert and Hedley are brothers?—Yes sir.
3847. And Walter Simpson?—He is another cousin of mine.
3848. You say that James Stanley promised you an appointment?—Yes, sir.
3849. How did he come to promise it to you?—I do not know that. I cannot tell you.
3850. Did he come to you or you go to him?—He came to me.
3851. Did he tell you what right he had to promise it?—No.

3852. Then how did you come to think he had the right to promise it?—I knew he was in business. He just made the statement and told me what to do. He told me to get a young man on account of my age.

2853. Prior to Stanley coming to you, you had seen Mr. Cochrane?—No, sir.

3854. Then how did James Stanley know you wanted the position?—Everybody round the village knew it. The whole place knew it.

3855. Was it before Stanley came to you that you saw Mr. Cochrane?—I did not see Mr. Cochrane at all, that I know of.

By Mr. Osler :

3856. It was before the canal was built?—It was before the canal was finished that I saw him.

By Mr. Barron :

3857. Were you to pay any money if you got the position as bridge tender?—No, sir.

3858. And nobody for you?—No sir; nobody for me.

3859. But you did not get the bridge?—No, they said I was not young enough for it. I was to give Wesley Goodrich my chance at the bridge, and providing he got the bridge I was to have that place of his during my lifetime.

3860. At the time you and Stanley had the conversation he came to you about it?—Yes.

3861. Was there any talk between you and Stanley about giving money?—No, sir.

3862. None at all?—No, sir.

3863. Was there never any conversation about that at any time?—Not between Stanley and me.

3864. Well with whom?—My son went and spoke to him, I believe.

3865. Which son?—Arundel.

3866. Arundel Simpson went to Stanley?—He spoke to him. I think he told me so.

3867. Had you any conversation with James Stanley about Arundel going to him?—I told him—

3868. Whom did you tell?—James Stanley. I told James Stanley that I would get Arundel to go and act for me.

3869. You told James Stanley that you would get Arundel to do what?—Why to go in ahead of me.

3870. On the bridge?—On the bridge.

3871. What did Stanley say to you when you told him you would get Arundel on the bridge?—He said "all right." Send him down right off, that evening.

3872. Then did you do so?—Yes, sir.

3873. You say you had no talk to Stanley at all about any money in connection with the bridge?—Not that I remember.

3874. Did you see James Stanley afterwards—after the first conversation you had with him?—I do not remember whether I had or not. I cannot tell you.

3875. You can not recollect?—No. I am very forgetful. May be you think I make it so, but it is not so.

3876. You cannot remember whether you had any conversation with him or not?—No, if I lay anything down in any place at all I cannot remember where I laid it. I have to wait until I come across it some day.

3877. Were you present when the lease given to you by Goodrich and his wife was signed?—I do not know what time it was, but I was present of course. Hold on. It was put in Mr. Wade's hands. It was sent right off to be registered first. I think I had it in my hands that night and then it was sent right off to be registered, and then Mr. John Wade got it.

3878. Is John Wade a relation of yours?—He married my daughter. He is my son-in-law.

3879. You went to the station to come down here?—When?

3880. Two or three days ago?—Yes.

3881. And you did not come?—I did not come.

3882. Why not?—Because I had not any money and could not get any.

3883. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Wade about coming down here?
—No, I had not. I did not see him.

3884. No, but before you went to the station at all, and after it was known you were wanted?—No; not that I know of. I did not see him. He lives three or four miles away from me. My wife is very sick and I have to be home all the-time. She is sick now. She was not fit for me to come away. It was not right for me to come away.

3885. Had you any conversation with Mr. Wade at any time about giving money?—No; nothing with him. He had nothing to do with it.

3886. Did you see him very often?—I have not seen him more than twice or three times during the winter. He has been too busy. He has been at our place a few times since then?

3887. But he frequently visits you?—Yes.

3888. Was he at your house frequently at the time the bridge positions were given out?—Yes, quite a few times.

3889. Had you any conversation with him at all in regard to it?—Oh, we might have talked about it, I do not know.

3890. He knew you had been promised a bridge by Stanley?—Yes.

3891. Did he tell you anything about paying any money?—No.

3892. Not a word?—No; not that I remember of.

3893. The subject of money was not mentioned between you and Mr. Wade?
—Not that I know of.

3894. Not that you recollect of?—No. It is just as I tell you. I cannot remember anything.

3895. Was there any talk about your son Arundel giving you a lease?—Yes. Stanley said something of that sort. He would bind him, he said.

3896. You proposed to Stanley that Arundel should do the work on the canal for you?—Yes.

3897. Then who proposed the lease?—Stanley spoke about it. He said he would bind him to give me a share of it, or something in that way.

3898. Was anything said about Arundel giving you the lease of any property?
—Oh, no.

3899. Has Arundel got that farm?—No.

3900. Has he any property at all or real estate?—No, not a bit.

3901. I am speaking of Arundel to you?—That is what I understood.

3902. Then was there any proposition that Arundel should give you a life lease of his property, or any property.

MR. OSLER. Arundel never had any property to give. That portion of the charge is quite erroneous.

By Mr. Osler:

3903. Are you able to earn your own living; have you any means?—Nothing only when Goodrich let me have that place. I have that but that is not much.

3904. And as you have said your son is a man who is not more than able to maintain himself?—No sir, and his family.

3905. He has hard work to get along, anyway?—Yes, sir.

3906. Mr. Wade was your son-in-law?—Yes.

3907. And he was a member of the committee?—I don't know.

3908. He is fore-handed, is he not?—No, not very.

3909. Still, he is better than any of the others?—Yes, than any of my people. Still, I don't know though.

3910. He took an interest in getting you provided for, as was natural, did he not?
—Yes.

3911. He made that his business?—Yes.

3912. And it was through Mr. Wade's exertions you got the farm?—Yes.

3913. And you quite recognize that it was through Mr. Wade that the transaction was carried out?

JAMES STANLEY again recalled and further examined:—

By Mr. Barron:

3914. Will you please tell me, all the members of the committee at Brighton?—I don't think I could tell you all.

3915. Please do if you can, one after the other. You would be one at all events?—Yes.

3916. Who else?—Hugh McQuoid is one.

3917. Does he live in Brighton?—He has gone out of the riding. I cannot tell where.

3918. Where did he live then?—In the Township of Murray.

3919. Who else?—David C. Bullock.

3920. Where does he live?—In Brighton.

3921. Who else?—I am not certain whether C. Samuel Nesbitt was or was not.

3922. Are you certain about John Wade?—Well, I think John Wade was at a meeting once. I am not certain whether he was or not. I could not swear.

3923. From memory can you say whether he was present or not at, any of the committee meetings?—I don't know; I could not swear.

3924. Can you tell me anybody else?—I don't know whether Robert Clark was one; I am not certain.

3925. Was Tom Young one?—Well, I think so.

3926. Where does he live?—In the Township of Murray.

3927. Was Philip Lawson one?—Well, I cannot remember the names now, but I think he was one.

3928. Where does he live?—In the Township of Murray; I am not certain.

3929. You went to the old gentleman, that is old Mr. Simpson, and had a conversation in regard to his son Arundel having the place?—Yes, I went to the old gentleman himself, and told him about it. I said "Well, Obadiah—no, I said Mr. Simpson—You have a good chance of getting a bridge if you want it but you are almost too old" says I, "In any case you can recommend somebody. You can have the bridge." "Well," says he, "I will recommend my son."

3930. That is Arundel?—Yes. "Well" said I, "all right." A day or two afterwards it turned out that the son-in-law, Mr. Webb, had had a talk with him about the matter and it was thought that the position would not be sufficient for Arundel's family. Then they suggested another plan and let drop the idea of appointing the son.

3931. Was there any conversation with you and Arundel, as to Arundel's having the position after this?—No, not to my knowledge.

3932. Did Arundel go to see you about it?—No, not so far as I can remember.

3933. Then the old gentleman must have been mistaken about it?—I think so. I never saw Arundel.

3934. You saw him afterwards, did you not?—No, I never spoke to him about it in my life.

3935. You were present when Mr. Cochrane handed the letter to Arundel to give to Hedley?—No, sir, I was not.

3936. You said before Mr. Stanley, that you thought you sent Herbert Simpson to Hedley, but you were not sure. Herbert says that is not so?—Well, whoever I sent, it was a letter I sent, it was not a verbal statement.

3937. But you sent somebody?—Yes, but I am quite sure it was not Arundel.

3938. You are quite sure it was not Arundel?—Yes.

3939. It might have been Herbert?—Yes.

3940. You sent Henry May to pay two notes. One was made up by Pickworth and Ireland. Is that so?—Well, I won't say what I might have done.

3941. So Mr. Henry May told us?—There was a certain amount of notes to be paid?

3942. You know about these notes?—Yes.

3943. What were the notes?—There was only one note.

3944. These two men's names were on the notes?—Yes.

3945. They took them up themselves?—Yes.

3946. What other names were there on the notes?—I know there were Ireland's and Pickworth's.

3947. Did you send Henry May to pay these notes?—No, I did not.

3948. Are you sure of that?—Well, I do not know whether I sent him or not. I have no recollection of the matter. I know that the notes had to be taken up, and I know that the parties had to pay for them.

JOHN WADE called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Barron :

3949. You witnessed the signing of a lease by Mrs. Eleanor Goodrich and Wesley Goodrich and Obadiah Simpson?—Yes.

3950. Was that lease signed upon the day of which it bears the date—the 15th October, 1890?—I do not remember the date. I don't remember whether it was signed on the same day that the lease was drawn up or not?

3951. It was the Fall of 1890?—Yes.

3952. Were you acquainted with the negotiation that led up to the granting of the lease?—Well, I went to Mr. Goodrich, and had a conversation with him. I understood that Mr. Goodrich would give a lease of his farm to the old gentleman in exchange for the position on the canal.

3953. You understood that?—Yes.

3954. From who?—No answer.

3955. Tell me from whom?—From Mr. Cochrane.

3956. Who is Mr. Cochrane?—The member.

3957. You understood from him that Goodrich would give a life lease of his farm to Mr. Simpson?—Yes.

3958. Did you understand anything more from Mr. Cochrane than that simple fact?—Well, I understood that Mr. Goodrich went to him and wanted a bridge. He offered to give the life lease of his farm for one.

3959. That you understood from Mr. Cochrane?—Yes, I understood that Mr. Goodrich offered to give the life lease.

3960. What did Mr. Cochrane say about the matter?—Mr. Cochrane told me that he thought he was very foolish.

3961. Mr. Cochrane told you that he thought Mr. Goodrich was very foolish?—Yes.

3962. Still, he told him that he was willing to do it?—Yes.

3963. Notwithstanding the precaution that he had given him?—Yes.

3964. Was this all the conversation that you had with Mr. Cochrane?—Yes; that is all the conversation I had over it.

3965. And was that the reason why you went to Mr. Goodrich and talked this matter over with him?—Yes; I went to Mr. Goodrich when I understood he would give the life lease.

3966. You thought it was worth looking after?—I thought it was a good thing for the old gentleman to get.

3967. The old gentleman is your father-in-law?—Yes.

3968. Was that the only conversation that you had with Mr. Cochrane?—That is all with respect to this matter.

3969. Either before or since then with regard to the bridge?—Yes. That is all I have any recollection of.

3970. How did you come to meet Mr. Cochrane on that occasion?—He was at a funeral near my place. It was either before or after the funeral took place that he told me about the matter.

3971. What did he tell you?—That Mr. Goodrich came and offered to give a life lease of his farm for an appointment.

3972. You are aware, Mr. Wade, that the giving out of these offices of bridge-keepers was in the hands of a committee in Brighton?—I heard something about that.

3973. How did you hear it?—I cannot say.

3974. Did you hear it more than once?—I cannot say for sure.

3975. But you considered that you knew it?—Of course I knew that they formed a committee—at least I knew that from hearsay. That is the only way I knew it.

3976. Were you ever at any of the committee meetings?—I do not know. I may have been there when I was in the village on business.

3977. Were you ever present at a meeting of a few friends where the matter of giving out the bridges was talked over?—I cannot say that I was. I may have been, but I am not positive. It is sometime ago, and I never charged my mind with these things. I trade in Brighton, and I may have been there.

3978. You know the bridge tenders?—I do not know all of them.

3979. Who do you know?—Mr. Goodrich and Mr. Clouston.

3980. Who else?—Mr. Brown.

3981. Who else?—I do not know any others. I do not know any other men who attend bridges.

3982. Do you know how they came to get the appointments?—No.

3983. Never heard that?—No.

3984. Were you aware that they had to pay some money?—I had heard something about paying money.

3985. Did you ever talk to James Stanley about that?—I may have talked to him about it.

3986. Just see if you cannot recollect doing so?—I may have done so. There was a good deal of talk about bridges on the canal, and who was going to have them, but I do not remember whether I had any conversation.

3987. You cannot recollect any conversation?—Not at present.

3988. Nor with Bullock?—Not that I can recollect. Still I may have. He keeps a grocery in Brighton.

3989. How much money was Goodrich to pay?—I do not know.

3990. Never heard about it?—I may have heard something about money, but I do not know that Mr. Goodrich mentioned any money. Mr. Cochrane never mentioned money matters that I remember about.

3991. Did you not hear of money from Mr. Goodrich?—Not to my knowledge. I may have heard of it, but I do not know of it. There was a great deal of talk about letting out the bridges, and who were to be the bridge tenders, but I never had anything to do with it or charged my mind with it.

3992. Do you remember, in the presence of Arundel Simpson, Mr. Goodrich, telling—

Mr. OSLER objected.

By Mr. Barron :

3993. Did you and Arundel Simpson and Goodrich meet at any time and talk over the matter of a bridge?—I think one time, about a year ago last summer I met Mr. Goodrich on the road and spoke to him about getting up the lease. He did not get all the lease up when he left the farm and when the old gentleman moved on. He was called away suddenly, and I stopped him on the road about getting the lease signed, and he said, any time I got it ready he was ready to sign.

3994. Was Arundel Simpson present on that occasion?—He was present on one occasion.

3995. Was there anything said about money on that occasion?—Not a word, to my knowledge. I do not think there was.

By Mr. Osler :

3996. What you say is, that Mr. Cochrane mentioned it to you in an incidental way as to what Goodrich had been talking to him about?—I understood him to say that he came there and wanted a bridgé. I do not know what conversation he had.

3997. And that he was willing to give a life lease of his farm for it?—Yes.

3998. What did Mr. Cochrane say he told him?—He said he told him that he thought he was very foolish. He said that he told Mr. Goodrich that he was very foolish to give up his farm to go on the Canal.

3999. You took up the idea that you would do well for the old man by getting him on the canal?—Yes.

4000. Was it your idea or Mr. Cochrane's?—My idea.

4001. Your idea was to utilize the situation for the benefit of your father-in-law?—He had no place of his own.

4002. You took it up in the interest of the old gentleman and carried out the bargain?—Yes.

4003. You carried out the bargain with Wesley Goodrich?—Yes, I talked it over.

4004. You did that without seeing Mr. Cochrane?—I did not see Mr. Cochrane until the lease was got up, and I do not know but it was mentioned since.

By Mr. Mulock :

4005. Who were on that note with you?—Two others.

4006. Who were they?—A man named King and a man named Nix.

4007. Do you remember the amount of it?—There was two notes to start on. My name was on the note and I think the others were on the same note for \$1,000.

4008. I am speaking of the note when the \$1,000 was divided up?—It was \$200.

4009. When the division came, you and King and Nix went on a note for \$200?—Nix and King and myself.

4010. When was that?—I cannot remember that.

4011. What became of that note?—Mr. Webb has it yet.

4012. Was it renewed?—No; it was never renewed, to my knowledge.

4013. Do you know what has been paid on it?—Not exactly.

4014. Has anything been paid?—I think there has.

4015. Do you know who made the payments?—I do not.

4016. Did you ever hear?—I do not know that I ever did.

4017. Did you ever complain that the note was kept up and not paid?—Who?

4018. You.—I never complained at all.

4019. I suppose you are aware that you are still liable?—Of course I be.

4020. You never heard there was anything paid on it?—I may have heard there was something paid on it.

4021. Was it paid by you?—No.

4022. By Mr. Nix or King?—I do not know whether they did or not.

4023. Did you not hear that Mr. Brown paid on it?—No.

4024. Nor that a man named Clouston had paid on it?—I do not know that I ever heard that Mr. Clouston had paid on it. I know that Mr. Webb spoke to me about it awhile ago and wanted his pay.

4025. Or whatever was owing on it?—Yes, whatever the balance was.

4026. Would you be surprised if you were told that some of the bridge keepers had paid some money on it?—I do not know whether they did or not.

4027. You might be surprised to learn that William Brown paid \$150 on it?—I do not know whether he did or not. I do not think any person ever told me he paid a cent.

4028. Or Mr. Clouston?—Mr. Clouston may have paid something on it. Mr. Webb has never told me he paid anything on it.

MR. BARRON and MR. MULOCK asked permission to put in a number of letters, which were filed as Exhibits 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

THE CHAIRMAN—In regard to the letter of 31st March, 1890 (Exhibit 6) it is admitted by all parties to the inquiry that that letter was written by Mr. Cochrane and the official memorandum written on the margin of the letter is the memorandum of the Minister. It was received in the Department on the 8th May, 1890.

The committee then adjourned.

COMMITTEE ROOM, Thursday, September 10th, 1891.

The Committee met.—Mr. TISDALE in the Chair.

S. S. ST. ONGE CHAPLEAU called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

4029. Can you tell us the date of the by-election at which Mr. Cochrane was returned in 1888?—The 9th January.

4030. When did the election take place?—On the 22nd of December, 1887.

4031. When did you receive the returned writ?—On the 7th February, 1888.

4032. That was the date of the return of the writ?—That is the date the writ was returned. I may state that the declaration is dated the 9th January, 1887, but it is clearly a mistake. It should have been 9th January, 1888.

4033. And he was gazetted on the 11th February, 1888?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock :

4034. What was the polling day?—22nd December, 1887.

4035. And the return was made on the 9th January?—Yes. This is the certificate of the returning officer :—“ I hereby certify that the member elected for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the county of Northumberland, in pursuance of the within written writ, as having received the majority of votes lawfully given, is Edward Cochrane of the township of Cramahe, in the county of Northumberland, yeoman, dated the 9th January, 1888. J. KETCHUM, Returning Officer.”

By Mr. Osler :

4036. Can you give me any reason why there was so much delay between the date of the return and the date of the receipt of it?—The letter transmitting that return was dated 28th January, 1888.

4037. And the delay between the 28th January and 7th of February, how would that be accounted for?—He must have written the letter on the 28th.

4037. You do not keep envelopes?—No, I do not keep envelopes.

4038. Do you keep records showing the papers received with the dates?—That is endorsed on the face of it.

4040. There is an interim of 4 weeks from the date on which he signed the return and the date it was received in the office here, and then he writes on the 28th January and it does not reach the office until the 7th February. It indicates slow transmission of mails?—Yes.

W. L. PAYNE again re-called, sworn and further examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

4041. Mr. Payne, at the last examination of witnesses here, Mr. Goodrich, I think it was, swore that he gave Mr. Edward Cochrane the member, a sum of money—

\$200—which Mr. Cochrane thereupon handed to his son who took the amount to your office. Do you remember getting any sum of money from Mr. Cochrane's son?—No, not personally.

4042. You do not know of your own personal knowledge?—I do not, it did not come to me personally.

4043-4. Did it come unpersonally?—I do not know. It may have come to somebody in my office.

THE CHAIRMAN.—You remember that Mr. Payne told us that the moneys were paid—except these \$200—to his clerk.

THE WITNESS.—If I remember rightly this was not paid until a year after the payment I spoke of before.

By Mr. Barron :

4045. You say that Mr. Wallace Cochrane's money was not paid until a year afterwards?—Yes.

4046. Then, of course, if it was not paid until then, you must have some knowledge of it?—I have not. The only knowledge is what Goodrich said about it.

4047. Well, what did he say?—I never heard anything about it until he gave evidence here.

4048. Have you any knowledge, from your office transactions or records, that the \$200 was paid?—There is no transaction that went through my books on the date named.

4049. Well, you would not keep any memorandum in your office about it, I suppose. This would be a sort of private transaction?—Anything of this kind that would pass through my office, there would be no record kept of it.

4050. As I understand it, Wallace Cochrane may have paid this money or he may not—you do not know anything about it?—No.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron) :

4051. Nobody told you anything about it?—Nobody said anything to me about it.

4052. Would it be paid to your clerk or manager?—I suppose so.

4053. Had he the right to pay money that way into the bank?—Yes, for certain purposes.

By Mr. German :

4054. There was no money to pay, that you had anything to do with, in the year subsequent to the note being given?—I remember the note; it did not become due for a year.

4055. The note that you came to take up—the \$600-note—that was paid by you, Dr. Willoughby and Pickworth, was it not?—Yes.

4056. That was paid by you three named?—Yes.

4057. Was it likely that Wallace Cochrane would leave \$200 in your office without you having heard anything about it?—It might have been. Sometimes for months at a time I was not about the office, and things went on that I knew nothing about.

4058. We have heard a great deal about the committee distributing patronage. Do you know whether it was any committee appointed by the Conservative Association of East Northumberland?—I never heard about it at all.

4059. So that if it was a committee at all, it was a committee of a few individuals amongst themselves to do something that was not authorized by the Association?—I know that it was not appointed by the Association, never heard of it, until the evidence was given here.

By Mr. Barron :

4060. The note for which this money would be given—the balance of that money you say was raised by the note that was given by the widow Strong?—Yes.

4061. This \$200 that Wallace Cochrane gave you, it is likely it would be paid on that note, is it not?—It would be, if it was paid to anybody in my office.

4062. If paid to anybody in your office it will be applied on the widow Strong note?—Exactly.

By Mr. Osler :

4063. If the date of this payment of the \$200, was January, 1888, the Strong note would be a debt of the party—the residue of the debt?—In February, 1888, was when the Strong note was paid—the 21st of February.

WALLACE COCHRANE called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Barron :

4064. You are a son of Mr. Edward Cochrane, the member?—Yes, sir.

4065. Do you remember on one occasion Mr. Goodrich, I think it was, being at your father's place and you and your father were there, and Mr. Goodrich handed your father \$200 and your father handed it to you?—No, sir, he did not.

4066. Who did not?—My father did not hand me any money.

4067. Who did?—Mr. Goodrich.

4068. Was your father present?—No, I do not think he was.

4069. You do not think he was. Try and think again. Mr. Goodrich swears your father was present; that he handed the money to your father; that you went into the house to get your overcoat with a view to going to Colborne, and that when you came back your father gave you the money?—He did not give me any money.

4070. Your father did not give you any money?—No, sir, he did not.

4071. Your father was present though?—I could not say whether he was or was not.

4072. What was the occasion of Mr. Goodrich giving you the \$200?—I do not know, sir.

4073. You have no recollection of it?—I recollect the occasion.

4074. If you recollect the occasion, how much was it?—He gave me the money.

4075. How much?—I do not know how much.

4076. Was it in a roll?—It was in a roll.

4077. Why did he give it to you?—It was just as I was getting in my rig to go to Colborne.

4078. What did he say to you?—He asked me where I was going, and I said I was going to Colborne.

4079. Was your father at home?—He was, I believe.

4080. Where was he at the time?—I could not say.

4081. Had he been in the yard?—I could not say positively whether he had been there.

4082. Will you swear he was not there?—I won't swear he was not there.

4083. If Mr. Goodrich swears he was there, will Mr. Goodrich be telling what is true or not?—I could not say, sir.

4084. You won't say that?—No, sir.

4085. Had you any conversation with your father?—I had not.

4086. You had not?—No, sir.

4087. Had you any conversation with Mr. Goodrich?—No, sir.

4087½. None at all?—None at all; only that he asked me to take this parcel to Mr. Payne at Colborne.

4088. Is that all he said?—That is all.

4089. You do not know whether the parcel was money or not?—I did not know until he handed it to me.

4090. Was it open?—Yes, I could see it was bills.

4091. Well, what did you do with it?—I took it to Colborne and left it at Mr. Payne's office.

4092. Who was there?—I could not tell you. He was a stranger to me.

4093. How did Mr. Goodrich come to be at your place that day?—I could not tell you anything about it.

4094. Why were you to give it to Payne?—I could not tell you anything about it.

4095. What were you going to Colborne for?—I was going on business of my own.

4096. Were you sent there by your father?—No, sir.

4097. Did your father know what you were going for?—No, sir.

4098. You did not tell him?—No, sir.

4099. Your father did not know what you were going to Colborne for?—No, sir.

4100. You did not tell him?—No, sir. I did not.

4101. Did he know you were going away at all?—He might from the fact of my getting ready.

4102. He did not ask where you were going?—He did not.

4103. He saw you getting ready?—He might have.

4104. He did not ask you nor did you tell him, nor had you any conversation with him, as to where you were going?—None whatever.

4105. Were you present with Mr. Goodrich in the yard when your father was present at any time?—No, sir.

4106. Then you say Mr. Goodrich never saw your father?—I do not say any such thing.

4107. You won't swear Mr. Goodrich did not see your father?—I will not.

4108. Were you with Goodrich all the time he came on your farm until you started?—I was not.

4109. Then Mr. Goodrich may have seen your father and you know nothing about it?—He may have seen him and I know nothing about it.

4110. You won't swear that Mr. Goodrich did not hand the money to your father before he handed it to you?—I swear Mr. Goodrich handed me the money.

4111. How long ago was that?—It was in the fall of 1889.

4112. A year and a half ago. Have you talked over that matter since?—With nobody.

4113. Never with anybody?—With nobody whatever.

4114. You never had occasion to do that?—No.

4115. You did not think of it at all?—I have never thought of it from that time to the present.

4116. Nor have ever spoken of it?—Nor have ever spoken of it.

4117. And yet your memory is so fresh you can swear positively Mr. Goodrich did not hand the money to your father?—I cannot swear that he did not hand it to my father, because I do not know. I will swear that he handed it to me.

4118. Can you swear that you three were not together at any time that day?—I can swear positively.

4119. At this distance of time?—At this distance of time.

4120. And you have not thought of it from that time to this?—I have never thought of it from that time to this.

4121. And you swear positively that you three were not together that day?—I swear positively.

4122. Can you remember why you went to Colborne?—Yes.

4123. Do you go there frequently?—Yes. I go on my own business.

4124. How often do you go?—Frequently.

4125. How often, on an average, during the month?—Once or twice a month.

4126. And you can pick out this particular occasion?—I can pick it out.

4127. And swear to it distinctly?—I can swear to it positively.

4128. Whom did you see when you went to Colborne?—I went to Mr. Payne's office and saw a gentleman there. I left the parcel there and came out.
4129. Who was the gentleman?—I do not know him.
4130. What did you tell him?—I told him the parcel was for Mr. Payne.
4131. That is all you told him?—That is all I told him.
4132. That would be in the fall of 1889?—Yes.
4133. Had you been talking over with anybody what you were going to say here to-day?—No, sir.
4134. You have never opened your lips to anybody on this matter?—No, sir.
4135. Not to a soul?—Not to a soul.
4136. Where do you live?—I live in Cramahe.
4137. With whom?—With myself.
4138. Who else?—And my wife.
4139. You do not live at home with your father?—No, sir.
4140. Did your father know that you were coming here to-day?—I do not know.
4141. Have you talked to him?—Not at all.
4142. Have you seen him since you arrived?—Yes.
4143. And you never spoke to him about this case?—I never spoke to him about anything.
4144. Did you speak to Dr. Willoughby?—No; not about this case. I was talking with him on other matters.
4145. And you spoke to nobody about this case?—No, sir.

By Mr. Mulock :

4146. You do not know how much was in this parcel?—I do not.
4147. And you were told to give it to Mr. Payne?—I was.
4148. And you did not give it to Mr. Payne?—I did not.
4149. You gave it to a man who was a complete stranger to you?—Yes.
4150. You do not know who the man is?—No, sir.
4151. You did not know when you handed the note to him?—No.
4152. You do not know the date of it?—No, sir.
4153. What time was it when you gave the money?—It was in the afternoon.
4154. What time in the year?—It was in the fall.
4155. It was in the barnyard the conversation took place with Goodrich?—Yes.
4156. Whose barnyard?—My father's.
4157. What was the size of the barnyard?—A common barnyard, I cannot say its size.
4158. A good sized barnyard?—Yes.
4159. Was it after threshing time?—I cannot tell you distinctly whether it was or not, but I think it was.
4160. Well, I suppose there was a straw stack out there in the barnyard?—Yes, if we had threshed there would be a stack there.
4061. There would be a stack there, if you had threshed?—Yes.

By Mr. Osler :

4062. The man that you gave the money to, what was he doing in Mr. Payne's office?—I suppose he was the clerk.
4163. Apparently in charge?—Yes.

By Mr. German :

4164. You say that you did not know the man?—I did not.
4165. Did he know you?—I cannot say.
4166. Had you ever seen him to speak with before?—No.
4167. Did you tell him who you were?—No.
4168. Did you tell him who the parcel was for?—Yes.
4169. You just went with the money and laid it down?—Yes.

4170. You left the parcel there?—Yes.
 4171. And said, there is a parcel for you?—Yes.
 4172. You did not state who it was from?—No.
 4173. Nor what was to be done with it?—No.

A. M. HAMILTON called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Osler :

4174. Are you an elector in the East Riding of Northumberland—Yes, sir.
 4175. In Mr. Cochrane's riding?—Yes.
 4176. Did you take any part or attend any meeting at the last election there?
 —I was returning officer.
 4177. And as such did you attend the speech-making at the nominations?—I was there part of the time.
 4178. Were those charges that we are enquiring into—you know what they are—were they brought before the electors or discussed by anybody on that occasion?
 —Mr. Ketchum spoke of them. I do not know—I cannot give you the exact words that Mr. Ketchum used, but the effect of them was that Mr. Cochrane had been making money out of the Murray Canal bridges.
 4179. Was the lighthouse mentioned?—I cannot say whether it was or not.
 4180. This charge was made immediately after the nomination?—Yes, it was made in the afternoon.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron) :

4181. Was Mr. Cochrane present?—He was on the platform.
 4182. He was present?—Yes.
 4183. Where did the meeting take place?—In the town hall, in the village of Warkworth.
 4184. Is Warkworth the place where the nominations are made?—Yes.
 4185. That is for the election in this riding?—Yes.

By Mr. German :

4186. Was this a large hall?—Yes, pretty large.
 4187. How large?—I can hardly say. It will hold about 700 people, I suppose.

By Mr. Osler :

4188. Was it a large sized, good, representative meeting, from all parts of the riding?—Yes, the hall was well filled.

By Mr. White (Shelburne) :

4189. Who is Mr. Ketchum? Is he an elector?—Yes, he was one of the candidates.
 4190. One of the nominated candidates?—Yes.

By Mr. Cameron (Huron) :

4191. Did he make a statement or produce any evidence?—He produced no evidence.

By Mr. German :

4192. I suppose Mr. Cochrane made a speech there and denied that this charge was true?—He made a speech there.
 4193. Mr. Cochrane denied that the charge was true, I suppose?—Mr. Cochrane had not the chance of denying it there, for he spoke before Mr. Ketchum.
 4194. But Mr. Cochrane did deny the charges during the campaign?—Yes.

By Mr. Mulock :

4195. The charge was denied by him and his friends?—Yes, at subsequent meetings held in the riding.

4196. And his friends denied it on his behalf in the newspapers?—Yes, it was denied in the newspapers.

THOMAS J. JOHNSON called, sworn and examined :—

By Mr. Osler :

4197. Where do you live, Mr. Johnson?—I live in the township of Cramahe, West Brighton.

4198. What is your occupation?—Farmer.

4199. Are you the son of William Johnson, the bridge-keeper?—Yes.

4200. Who owns the farm?—I do.

4201. How long have you owned it?—About 10 years, I think. It has been in my possession about 10 years.

4202. Is this the farm near Daniel Hudgins' place?—Yes, the next farm.

4203. Hudgins swears that he saw Mr. Cochrane's son driving away from that farm a sow and a horse? Do you know of an occasion when a sow and a horse were delivered from that farm which you say belongs to you. Tell me the circumstances under which those animals were driven away?—I was not at home at the time they were driven away, nor yet when they were sold. But they were sold for me by my father.

4204. To whom?—To William Cochrane.

4205. What did you get for them?—I got \$75 for the mare and \$20 for the sow.

4206. William Cochrane is a son of Edward Cochrane?—He is a son of Edward Cochrane.

4207. And the animals belonged to you?—They belonged to me.

4208. And were sold by your father?—Yes.

4209. They were gone when you got back?—They were gone.

4210. What represented the payment?—I got two notes.

4211. Two promissory notes representing the price?—Yes.

4212. How much in all?—\$95.

4213. How much has been paid on those notes?—He paid me forty dollars on the note. There is an endorsement on the one which was paid last winter. I have the notes here (witness produces them).

4214. You produce the two notes given for the animals? One is for \$45, dated May 30, 1890, being a promise to pay T. J. Johnson, and signed by William E. Cochrane. Endorsed on the back is the following:—"Cramahe, August 1st, 1891. Received from W. E. Cochrane the sum of \$38.80 on the within note." The other note is of the same date, and is a promise to pay \$50 eight months after date to T. J. Johnson. Endorsed on the back is the following:—"Received, \$40 on the within note, March 10th, 1891." Were those moneys paid at the time those endorsements were made?—Yes; one was paid on 1st August and the other on the 10th March.

4215. You say that is a *bonâ fide* transaction?—Yes, sir.

By Mr. Barron :

4216. You say you owned the farm?—Yes, sir.

4217. How much did you give for it?—I did not give anything.

4218. From whom did you get it?—From my grandmother.

4219. It was left to you?—Yes, sir.

4220. By will?—By will. No; it was left to me by my aunt and uncle, but through the keep of my grandmother.

4221. It was left to you on the condition you kept your grandmother?—Yes, sir.

4222. Was that how you came to own it ten years ago?—Yes.
4223. Who was on it at that time? Was your father living there at that time?—No.
4224. Who was?—My grandmother and my aunt.
4225. Did they leave you the stock on it?—Yes; whatever stock there was on the place. My grandmother had been childish for years.
4226. This horse and sow were not left to you by the will?—They are offsprings from what I got with the place.
4227. How old are you now?—I am 25.
4228. So that ten years ago you were only 15?—I was about 17 when I got the place.
4229. Did you come into the possession of it at once?—Yes; I did. I went into possession at once; we lived on the place.
4230. Your father lived there, too?—Yes.
4231. And he worked the place?—He worked the place.
4232. Did he derive the rents and profits from the place?—We did together.
4233. How much did you get? What share did you get?—I cannot tell you exactly what share I got.
4234. You got no particular share, in fact?—I derived benefits from the place.
4235. But you cannot say how you divided up?—No.
4236. Your father was minding the place, you being under age?—Well, we were working together. I cannot say that he was managing the place.
4237. Of course when you sold, as you say, this horse and sow to young Mr. Cochrane, there were none of the original cattle, left you by the will, about the place?—None of the cattle—no.
4238. Or the horses either?—The offsprings of the horses were. The horse I sold to Mr. Cochrane was a young mare that I traded for a mare my grandmother gave me.
4239. Did your father ever sell anything else off this place besides these two animals?—Yes.
4240. Did he get the money for them?—No. He sold a cow to Mr. Wm. Cochrane and received a note. It was a note that Mr. Cochrane's mother-in-law gave.
4241. Was your father in the habit of selling stuff off the place and getting notes or money for it in exchange?—Not without permission.
4242. Did he always ask your permission?—Always.
4243. He sold these without asking your permission—the horse and sow to William Cochrane?—He did not.
4244. But he did not talk to you beforehand?—Yes; he did.
4245. You are sure of it?—Yes.
4246. What was the conversation?—I went to Rochester a year ago last spring to work there. Before I went away I told my father that if he got a chance to sell the animals he could do so. I wanted \$75 for the mare and \$20 for the sow. After I got into the States, my father wrote to me, stating that Mr. Cochrane wanted this horse. It was not a desirable horse for anyone to have, because it was a kicker. My father wrote to me and asked me if I would let him have the horse for \$75.
4247. Well, they were sold in your absence, at all events?—Yes.
4248. When was it you went to the States?—I went down on the 6th of May.
4249. That was 1890, was it?—Yes.
4250. When did you come back?—I came back on the 1st day of November or the last day of October, I am not sure which.
4251. You went on the 6th May and came back on the following November?—Yes.
4252. When these notes were drawn up were they given to you?—Yes; they were given to my mother.
4253. They were given to your mother?—Yes; they were given to her; they were drawn up for me.
4254. You were not present when they were drawn up?—No.

4255. Whom did you get them from?—I got them from my mother when I came home.

4256. That was in November, was it?—Yes.

4257. When did you get them?—I am not sure about that; I cannot tell you. It was shortly after I came home. If I am not mistaken, the first word I received about the notes was when Mr. Cochrane made the first payment.

4258. That would be, I think, in March?—Yes; I think I asked my mother for the notes at that time.

4259. For the purpose of making the endorsement?—Yes.

4260. Did you make the endorsement?—Yes.

4261. Did you receive the money?—Yes.

4262. When?—On the 10th March, 1891.

4263. From whom?—From William Cochrane.

By Sir Adolphe Caron :

4264. Is William Cochrane a son of the member?—Yes.

By Mr. Barron :

4265. 1st August, 1891, is the date you received the other money?—Yes. I endorsed the \$28 on one, and let \$12 go on the other note.

4266. You say that on the particular dates you refer to, you received the moneys?—Yes.

4267. Where were these notes all this time? In your custody?—What time do you refer to?

4268. From the time they were given on 30th May, were they in your custody?—No; they were in my mother's.

4269. Then you knew nothing about these notes until you returned in November, 1890?—Nothing, except that my father had written to me about them.

4270. Did you sell anything else to William Cochrane?—Yes.

4271. What else did you sell?—I sold him harness and a waggon.

4272. How much did you get for the harness?—\$20.

4273. And the waggon?—\$25.

4274. Did he pay you for them?—He gave me three tons of hay and 25 bushels of oats, and for the remainder he gave me a note for \$8.25.

4275. Have you the note?—Yes; this is the note for \$8.25.

4276. What is this note for?—It is for the balance on the harness and the waggon.

4277. When did he give you this?—I think it was dated the 1st December.

4278. It does not bear on the face of it any date at all?—It was in December—1st December.

4279. The note says: "I promise to pay William Johnson for value received, the sum of \$8.25, with interest." That was written last fall, was it?—Yes.

4280. When was it signed?—It was signed on the 1st of December.

4281. And it is not paid yet?—No; it is not due until December.

4282. You cannot give any definite time when you got the load of hay?—No; I cannot fix any date.

4283. Can you give us any idea of the time?—It was some time in the fall. It was late in the fall along about December.

4284. This would be a year note?—Yes.

4285. You are certain you sold these things to William E. Cochrane?—Yes.

4286. And got his note for them?—Yes; his notes.

4287. Do you know that he stated under oath that he did not own any property?—I know that it is said that he does not own any property.

4288. You do not know whether he has sworn to it, do you?—No; I do not.

4289. You never heard him say that he did not own any property?—I never heard William Cochrane say so, but I have heard others speak about it.

4290. Did you sell him anything else?—No; I did not.

4291. Did your father sell him anything else?—Yes.
 4292. What else?—He let William's wife have a cow.
 4293. What else?—Only a cow.
 4294. How much did he give for the cow?—I think it was let go for \$20 in lieu of a note.
 4295. Then, did William's wife hold a note of your father's?—Yes.
 4296. For how much?—For \$20. I have got the note with me.
 4297. Let me see the note. It is dated the 13th February, 1888, and is payable to Mrs. Isaac Hare, Cramahe?—Yes.
 4298. "I promise to pay Mrs. Isaac Hare the sum of \$20, value received, at interest at 6 per cent. (Sgd) William H. Johnson." So that was a note for \$20?—Yes.
 4299. You say that your father gave the cow on account of that note?—Yes.
 4300. To pay that note?—Yes.
 4301. What else did your father sell to Mr. Cochrane?—We never sold anything else.

By the Chairman :

4302. That makes the procession of the cow, the pig and the horse, that we heard about?—Yes.

By Mr. Osler :

4303. Mrs. Hare is William Cochrane's wife's mother?—Yes.
 4304. Who died?—Yes.
 4305. And the note came to her daughter?—Yes.
 4306. Now, I will ask you about another matter. Your father is a bridge-keeper, is he not?—Yes.
 4307. Have you a brother in New York State?—Yes.
 4308. Where does he live?—At 138 Fulton Avenue, Rochester.
 4309. Has he been calling for any of you to go over there?—Yes, sir. He asked for some of us to go over there.
 4310. Your brother has been ill?—Yes. My brother has been ill, and he has a business there, and he wanted some of us to go and look after his business. He did not feel that he could leave his business without anybody in charge of it.
 4311. And is your father there?—Yes.
 4312. And your brother is ill?—He has been ill, but I believe he is better.

By Mr. Mulock :

4313. You have heard that he is better?—Yes.
 4314. When did you hear that he was better?—On the 3rd of this month.
 4315. Your brother is better, is he?—Yes.
 4316. When did you hear that he was better?—I do not know. I think it was the 3rd of this month.
 4317. What was the matter with him?—Inflammation of the covering of the heart.
 4318. Did you hear from your father that your brother was better?—No, sir. I have not received that information from my father, only from my brother.
 4319. Your brother in Rochester is married, is he?—Yes.
 4320. His wife is living with him, is she?—Yes.
 4321. Do you remember the time your father got appointed to the bridge—I am not sure of the time he got the appointment.
 4322. Do you remember the time when he entered on his duties?—Yes.
 4323. When?—I think the date was the 1st of April, 1891.
 4324. Last April?—April of this year.
 4325. Or last year, which?—This year.
 4326. You came home in October or November?—In November of last year.

4327. Where was your father living when you came home?—He was living on my place.

4328. He had not been working on the bridge that summer or fall?—No.

4329. How far do you live from W. E. Cochrane's?—I should judge about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

4330. Do you know how much your father gave for that bridge?—I never knew that he gave anything.

4331. You never heard what the bridges were selling at?—Yes, sir.

4332. How much?—I have not heard, I guess, this three years. I heard a rumour that they were to pay—well, I cannot swear to any certain amount, but I think it was somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$150 or \$200. It was not for the bridge, I believe; it was to go for the benefit of an old protest.

4333. That is, the men who got the positions were to pay that?—Yes, sir.

4334. Why were you selling your stock?—Because I did not intend to farm. My farm is only a small farm of 30 acres and the land is light at that.

4335. You did not intend to farm it?—No.

4336. And you are not working it now?—No.

4337. Who has the farm now?—A man by the name of Heaslip.

4338. He is a tenant of yours?—He works his own place and mine.

4339. You are retiring from farming?—Yes. I have been sick myself and could not work it.

4340. The price for the bridges you say was \$200?—Yes.

4341. You sold the horse for \$70, the sow for \$20, harness for \$20, and a waggon \$25. Do you know how much these four make altogether?—I would be about \$140.

4342. And the cow you say you swapped for some note of \$20. That would make \$160?—Yes.

4343. That is just about the market price of a bridge, was it not?—Well, you may take it that way.

4344. I see that that \$95 transaction was divided into two notes; that took place in your absence?—Yes; but I was aware of the fact.

4345. You learnt of it, but you did not take part in the deal?—Yes.

4346. You were not there?—I was not there, but I was written to about it.

4347. You were not present when your father made the sale?—No; I was not.

4348. And he took the note of a man, whom you say has sworn he was not worth anything?—I did not say that, but I understood he was not worth anything.

4349. You gave your property to a man whom you understood was not worth anything?—Yes.

4350. You took the notes in exchange for your property?—Yes.

4351. When was the first payment made on either of those notes?—It was in March, I think.

4352. March, 1891?—Yes.

4353. That was after the rumor had been sent abroad about the sale of the bridges?—It is as much as three years ago that I heard of the sale of the bridges.

4354. Yes; but the public accusation took place on nomination day, in February, 1891?—But I heard nothing of it then.

4355. The first payment, however, which you got was after the charges had been circulated from the public platform?—Well, it was in March.

4356. And then you were paid \$40?—Yes.

4357. Who came and paid you that money?—William Cochrane. I went to him.

4358. And collected it?—Yes.

4359. The note you found in your house when you came home, you say?—Yes.

4360. You still left it in your mother's possession?—Yes.

4361. Did you remonstrate with them for taking the note of a man not worth anything, in exchange for your stock?—I knew the man to whom I was selling the stock, and believed I would get the pay.

3362. But you were not selling the stock?—It was sold through me. I authorized my father to sell it.

4363. You left it to your father to pick out a purchaser?—No; he wrote to me about it.

4364. And you got the note for \$50 and \$45, making \$95 in all, and the first payment you received on either of those notes was the 10th of March, 1891?—I think it was.

4365. And the next payment that you received was when?—The first day of August.

4366. That was the second payment?—Yes.

4367. Who gave you the money, did you say?—William Cochrane.

4368. Do you know where he got the money that he handed you in March?—I do not.

4369. He did not tell you where he got the money?—No.

4370. Do you know where he got it in the other case?—Yes; I know where he got the other.

4371. But about the March payment, you do not know anything?—No; I do not.

4372. William Cochrane lives about three and a-half miles from this farm?—Yes.

By Mr. German :

4373. Separate from his father?—Yes; the father lives on one farm and the son on another.

By Mr. Osler :

4374. What reason had you for supposing that these notes would be paid, although you had heard that he had no money?—Well, I have known him since I knew anything, and he never acted in anything but a proper way with our family. I have confidence in him, and the stock was something we did not want.

By Mr. Mulock :

4375. You would rather have a doubtful note than good stock?—Yes.

By Mr. German :

4376. Did your father discuss with you the question of getting the berth on the canal?—Yes; he has talked about it for the last four or five years.

4377. He has said he would like to get a bridge?—Yes.

4378. And I suppose you talked over the question of the money for the bridge? Counsel objected.

By Mr. German :

4379. Did you and your father discuss the money to be paid on account of the bridge?—We never did.

4380. You never talked with your father about the money?—Not about paying the money.

4381. Have you got the letters you received from your father, regarding the sale of the stock, when you were in the States?—No; I destroyed them.

4382. When did you destroy them?—They were destroyed on the other side of the lake.

4383. You did not bring them here at all?—No.

4384. Can you remember the contents?—I can recollect in a general way what they said.

4385. Tell us?—He wrote me like this: that Will wanted to get the mare; that he had hitched off the mare for several days and Will wanted to get her. He said himself that he did not like the mare, and asked me if I would be willing to let Will have the mare on his note. I wrote him back and told him that I would—that is all.

4386. There was no reference to the bridges in these letters?—No; nothing was said about the bridges.

4387. You are quite sure?—Nothing was said about the bridges in this respect at all. After he found out that I would let him have the mare he wrote asking about the sow. We had two sows, and we did not want both. I told my father that if we could get \$20 for the sow to let her go.

4388. You endorsed the note?—Yes; I made the endorsement on the note and he paid me the money.

4389. William Cochrane paid you the money?—Yes.

4390. On both occasions?—Yes.

4391. And you kept the money?—Yes.

4392. You did not give it to your father?—No; my father never saw the money.

Mrs. EMMA F. SIMPSON called, sworn and examined:—

By Mr. Osler :

4393. You are the wife of—?—Herbert W. Simpson.

4394. It is said, Mrs. Simpson, that you read a letter which purported to come from Mr. Edward Cochrane, the member, and was addressed to Hedley Simpson; that letter in transit being carried by Arundel Simpson, or in the hands of somebody, was brought to you and read by you. What do you say to that?—I never read any letter of the kind; I have never seen it, so of course I never read it.

4395. You never read a letter that passed between Mr. Cochrane, M.P., and Mr. Hedley Simpson?—No.

4396. Did you ever see a letter from Mr. Edward Cochrane?—I never saw any letter from Mr. Cochrane to any person.

By Mr. Barron :

4397. You knew that Hedley Simpson was applying for the position of lighthouse-keeper?—Certainly.

4398. That was generally talked of amongst the family?—Yes.

4399. Did you know that Hedley Simpson had gone to see Mr. Stanley about it at all?—No; I knew nothing about it—I knew nothing about any methods he took, except in making application to the Department.

4400. You knew, of course, he was applying for the position?—Yes; I knew he made an application to the Department.

4401. You are in the habit, Mrs. Simpson, I believe, of doing business for your husband—doing any reading or writing that has to be done?—Not altogether.

4402. Well any that has to be done?—I act as clerk sometimes to my brother-in-law.

4403. What is his name?—Hedley Simpson.

4404. You act as clerk for him?—Sometimes.

4405. You perhaps are a little better educated than the others?—It is a little more convenient, I suppose.

4406. Were you present at any time when a conversation took place between Herbert and Hedley Simpson?—Not that I know of; not that I remember of.

4407. You will not swear that you were not present at any conversation between them?—Why no, because it is not a thing I charge my mind with.

4408. I suppose you have not charged your memory with anything in regard to this matter that happened two or three years ago?—Not particularly.

4409. Were you present at any conversation when Hedley Simpson, Herbert Simpson, and Arundel Simpson, were together and talked over the matter?—I do not remember.

4410. Who came down with you here?—I came down myself.

4411. Any gentleman with you?—None at all. My little daughter came with me.

4412. Is Mr. James Stanley here?—I saw him.
4413. Was he on the train?—I did not see him on the train.
4414. You have seen Mr. Stanley since?—I have seen him about here.
4415. Have you talked to him about this matter?—Not about this matter. I am not intimately acquainted with Mr. Stanley so of course I have not spoken much to him.
4416. Have you spoken to Mr. Cochrane about these proceedings?—No.
4417. You have never spoken to him about it?—Why, no. He is not an intimate friend.
4418. Has he never talked to you about this matter at all?—I am quite sure I had no talk with him.
4419. You have not talked with Mr. Cochrane about it?—No.
4420. You never spoke to him about it last night?—No, sir. I never spoke to him about his matter. I did not know Mr. Cochrane's countenance until this morning.
4421. You did not see him?—I suppose I saw him, but I did not know his countenance.
4422. Hedley Simpson does not deny that he received a letter, but you won't swear that the letter was not written?—I do not know what Hedley said.
4423. Did Hedley ever tell you he received a letter?—I do not know.
4424. Did you ever hear of a letter having been written by Mr. Cochrane?—I have heard about it lately.
4425. When did you first hear of it?—I could not remember.
4426. You say lately? When did you first hear of a letter having been written?—Since I heard of these proceedings. I could not tell you what was the first day.
4427. Whom did you hear that from?—I do not know. I may have read it first in the papers, and heard it talked of by my husband.
4428. Do you take the daily papers?—No.
4429. But you read it at all events. Did you know that Mr. Arundel Simpson said the letter was read over by him in your presence and in Herbert Simpson's presence. Did you know that?—I did not know that he said any such thing.
4430. And you do not want to swear now that you did not read it?—Why most certainly.
4431. Most certainly what?—Most certainly I did not read the letter. I never saw the letter.
4432. Whom was the letter from?—How should I know when I did not see the letter.
4433. You heard whom the letter was from?—I am supposed to tell all I know. I am supposed to tell all I know, not all I hear.
4434. Did you hear whom the letter was from?—I heard a great deal, but I cannot swear to that.
4435. Tell me whom you heard the letter was from?—Have you not been telling me just now.
4436. You tell me. Whom did you hear the letter was from?—Have you not been telling me it was a letter from Mr. Cochrane to Hedley Simpson.
4437. You heard the letter was from Mr. Cochrane?—I heard you speaking of it.
4438. Are there any other persons from whom you heard it?—I have heard it talked of since these proceedings commenced, but I never saw the letter.
4439. A letter from Mr. Cochrane to Hedley Simpson?—That is what you tell me.
4440. You say you never read such a letter?—Most certainly. I think I have told you that already.
4441. Do you remember having read the letter that Arundel brought to anybody?—Why, no. I never knew that he brought a letter.
4442. You never read a letter at all that Arundel brought to the house?—No. He never brought a letter to the house to my knowledge.
4443. Neither from Mr. Cochrane nor anybody else?—No.

4444. Do you remember reading any letter whether he brought it or not?—No.

4445. Do you remember reading any letter at all that was brought to your house in connection with this?—No.

4446. Whether it was brought by Arundel or anybody else?—No.

4447. I ask you whether you read any letter that was brought by anybody else in the presence of Arundel?—No. I never read any letter in connection with this affair.

4448. When your husband heard that Simpson went home last week did he tell you about the letter?—I suppose he did.

4449. Did he tell you that you would be likely to be asked about it?—No.

4450. But he had some conversation with you about it any way?—Why certainly.

By Mr. German :

4451. Do you remember reading a letter from Mr. Stanley telling Hedley Simpson that he wanted to see him?—No.

4452. You do not remember any such letter?—No. I am quite certain that there never was any letter in connection with Hedley's appointment that I ever saw or read.

4453. There was no letter in connection with his appointment?—No.

4454. Well in connection with his application?—No.

4455. Do you remember seeing a letter written by Stanley suggesting to Hedley Simpson that he wanted to see him about the appointment or about anything?—No. I do not remember that.

4456. Are you prepared to swear positively that you never saw a letter written by Stanley to Hedley Simpson?—I am.

4457. Without a doubt?—Yes.

4458. You know Arundel Simpson, do you?—I do.

4459. How long have you known him?—All my life.

4460. He is a cousin of your husband's or brother?—He is a very distant cousin of my husband's.

4461. Your husband is a brother of Hedley's?—Yes.

4462. Arundel Simpson swears very positively that he stopped at your place with a letter and that you read it. Are you prepared to swear that he never brought a letter to your place which you read?—I never read a letter.

4463. Did he ever bring a letter to your place that you read?—No, he never did.

4464. Then did he bring a letter there at all?—Not that I know of. But of course I do not search men's pockets.

4465. You never read the note?—No.

4466. You are sure of that?—I am.

4467. It is no laughing matter. It means, if what you say is true that this man swore to a lie? You are positive that no letter was brought to your place by Arundel Simpson which you either read or heard read?—I am positive about it.

4468. You have no doubt about that at all?—No doubt about it at all.

By Mr. Mulock :

4469. Are you in the habit of doing any writing or reading for any of the family or for Hedley?—I do for Hedley.

4470. What relation is he to you?—He is my brother-in-law.

4471. You are in the habit of writing letters for Hedley and reading the correspondence which comes to him?—Yes.

4472. Do you remember Hedley getting the appointment to the lighthouse?—I do not remember the time, but I remember his getting the appointment.

4473. You remember his getting the appointment although you do not remember the date?—I remember his getting the appointment sometime after the death of his father.

4474. Do you remember what he had to do to get the appointment?—I do not.
4475. You are probably aware that he got a petition first of all?—Yes.
4476. He got a number of people to sign the petition?—Yes.
4477. Who drew up the petition for him?—I do not know.
4478. Do you know that there was such a thing?—Yes, I know that there was such a thing, but I never saw it.
4479. Do you remember that petition being forwarded to Ottawa?—No, I do not remember but I suppose it was forwarded.
4480. Do you remember writing the letter that took it to Ottawa?—No, I do not think. I am not positive, but I do not think I did. I do not remember it now.
4481. I do not say you did. Do you remember writing to Ottawa for Hedley, or in connection with Hedley's application?—I wrote his application to the Department.
4482. And did you know what you did that day after writing it and signing it. It was a long letter setting forth the tenure of office of his father?—I do not remember just what was in it now. I could not call to mind exactly what was in it.
4483. Do you remember what year you wrote it?—It must have been 1887, I think.
4484. Do you remember what year Mr. Hedley's Simpson's father died?—I think it was in 1887, but I am not certain.
4485. Where were you living when the old man died?—At Presqu' Isle Harbour.
4486. Across the bay?—About a mile and a-half across.
4487. You remember the time the old man died; you were probably there at the time?—Yes, I was there.
4488. And probably you were there the day of the funeral?—No; I was not there the day of the funeral.
4489. You do not remember what year it was?—I cannot remember whether it was three or four years ago.
4490. You cannot remember the contents of the letter, except that it was an application of Hedley's?—Well, I know I stated the case as favourably as I could, of course.
4491. Do you remember the answer that came from the Government about it?—No, I do not.
4492. You do not remember receiving any reply?—I cannot remember just now—the reply.
4493. Do you remember any further correspondence in which you took part for Hedley Simpson in connection with his application for the lighthouse, or any of the proceedings that preceded his getting the appointment?—No; I do not remember anything more.
4494. Do you remember how long a time elapsed between his application and Hedley getting the appointment?—I do not; it was some time.
4495. Do you remember the year when he got the appointment?—I do not.
4496. Did you hear of it when he did get the appointment?—I suppose I must have.
4497. You were living there all that time, so that it is more than probable you must have learned of the appointment as soon as it took place?—I suppose so.
4498. Have you any reason to doubt that?—None.
4499. You would have heard of it as soon as it took place?—I should.
4500. It would be known all round the neighbourhood?—I suppose so.
4501. You were living there all that time?—Yes.
4502. And you cannot remember what year it took place?—I cannot charge my mind with it.
4503. How many years is it since the old man died?—Either three or four. I think it will be four this fall.
4504. Is your memory first-rate?—I do not know that it is first-rate.

4505. For whom else did you attend to their correspondence besides Hedley's?
—No one.

4506. You only attend to Hedley's correspondence—not to your husband's?—No.

4507. You don't attend to Arundel's?—No.

4508. Do you know what Hedley Simpson gave for the lighthouse?—I do not know that he gave anything.

4509. Do you happen to know about his negotiations, which resulted in his getting the lighthouse?—I do not.

4510. You remember his going up to see Mr. Stanley about it?—I do not know all that Hedley does; I do not live in the same house. Sometimes I write a letter for him; that is all.

4511. It is possible that you and Arundel may both be telling the truth about this letter of Mr. Cochrane's. He says he thinks you read it, and you say you did not?—I know I did not.

4512. You may be telling the truth and yet may be mistaken, I suppose. It is to the best of your recollection you are swearing?—I know that I never read any letter that Hedley brought from Mr. Cochrane or any one else in connection with—

4513. With what?—I know that I never read any letter from Mr. Cochrane or from Mr. Stanley to Hedley Simpson, that Arundel brought or any one else.

4514. Did you ever read any letter from Mr. Cochrane?—I never saw any letter either from Mr. Cochrane or from Mr. Stanley.

4515. On any subject?—No, sir.

4516. On no subject?—No, sir. I never saw their writing—either one of them.

4517. Supposing it was not signed?—How would I know it was theirs if it was not signed.

4518. Did you ever read any paper signed or unsigned written by anybody—to Hedley Simpson in regard to his application for the lighthouse?—No.

4519. You never saw any written document, letter or otherwise, touching the lighthouse?—I do not understand that question.

4520. Perhaps the letter we are calling Mr. Cochrane's?—Well, I said I never read anything of the kind?

4521. No written paper?—No.

4522. Whether signed or unsigned?—No.

The Committee then adjourned.

EXHIBITS REFERRED TO IN MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

EXHIBIT No. 1 is printed on page 36 of the Minutes of Evidence.

In the original of this Exhibit, which was submitted to the Committee and filed on the 4th September, 1891, the name "C. M. Cochrane" appears as "E. M. Cochrane."

EXHIBIT No. 2.

L.B.	Promissors.	Endorsers.	Date.	Terms.	Due.	Amount.
9279	{ W. A. Willoughby.... } { Wm. Pickworth..... }	{ E. Cochrane } { W. H. Payne..... }	Nov. 16, '87.	20 ds...	Dec. 9, '87..	\$ cts. 619 69

Protested on December 9th, 1887, for non-payment.

December 28th, 1887.—Placed in Solicitor's hands for suit. Paid by Solicitor, February 29th, 1888.

Initialed for in Solicitor's Protest Book by W. L. P., per G. A. P., December 28th, 1887.

Exhibit No. 3 is printed on page 51 of the Minutes of Evidence.

EXHIBIT No. 4.

DOMINION OF CANADA, }
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, }
COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, }
To Wit : }

I, ARUNDEL R. SIMPSON, of the Village of Brighton, in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, do solemnly declare :

1. That George B. Simpson, who was a relation of mine, was for some years Keeper of a Government Lighthouse on Presque'Isle Point, in the Township of Brighton, in the said County of Northumberland, and died in the autumn of the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, being at the time of his death keeper of said lighthouse.

2. One Hedley H. Simpson, son of the said George B. Simpson, took up the performance of the duties of the keeper of said lighthouse immediately after the death of his father, and continued to perform said duties until he was permanently appointed keeper of said lighthouse, as hereinafter mentioned.

3. Soon after the death of the said George B. Simpson, the said Hedley H. Simpson circulated a petition for his appointment as keeper of said lighthouse, and obtained a large number of signatures to said petition.

4. I assisted the said Hedley H. Simpson in his efforts to secure the said appointment, and had several interviews with Edward Cochrane, then and now member of the House of Commons of Canada for the electoral district of the East Riding of the County of Northumberland, and a supporter of the Government, in connection with such appointment.

5. At one of the said interviews the said Edward Cochrane informed me that he (said Cochrane) would not sign the petition hereinbefore referred to, and that if said Hedley H. Simpson sent said petition to Ottawa, he (said Cochrane) would not assist him in obtaining the said appointment, but if said Hedley H. Simpson would leave the matter in his (Cochrane's) hands he (Cochrane) would secure said appointment for said Simpson.

6. Said Cochrane further told me to tell said Hedley H. Simpson not to forward said petition, but to leave the matter in his (said Cochrane's) hands.

7. Subsequently (the circulation of the said petition having been dropped) said Cochrane, told me he (Cochrane) could get six hundred dollars from one Noah Snetsinger, of Colborne, if said Snetsinger should receive the said appointment of keeper of said lighthouse, but that he (Cochrane) would secure the appointment of said Hedley H. Simpson for a good deal less than six hundred dollars.

8. Subsequently said Cochrane sent to the said Hedley H. Simpson, by me, a letter, in which it was stated that said Hedley H. Simpson would be required, in order to secure the said appointment, to give security for the payment of two hundred dollars, which letter I delivered to the said Hedley H. Simpson.

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12. In the summer of the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine the above-named James Stanley sent me word to call on him, and I did so, when said Stanley informed me that I would be appointed keeper of one of the bridges on the Murray Canal (then approaching completion) on my paying one hundred and fifty dollars and undertaking to keep my father (who had been provided a bridge, but was too old to do the work).

13. Subsequently the said Edward Cochrane (then and now member of the House of Commons as aforesaid) met me in Brighton and said they could not take \$150 for the said bridge, and that Stanley should not have agreed to take \$150. Said Cochrane further told me that they had made other arrangements about the said bridge, with one Wesley Goodrich, who had agreed to pay \$200 and give to my father a life lease of his (Goodrich's) farm for his (Goodrich's) appointment as keeper of said bridge. Said Cochrane further said that I could have said bridge for the same amount of \$200. I then and there declined the offer.

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Declared before me at Brighton, in the }
 County of Northumberland, the } ARUNDEL R. SIMPSON.
 13th day of August, A.D. 1891. }
 C. B. KEMP, J. P.

EXHIBIT No. 5.

OTTAWA, March 31st, 1890.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to recommend the following gentlemen as bridge tenders on the Murray Canal:—William Brown and Robert May for the western end known as Lovett's Bridge; John Clouston and Wesley Goodrich for the centre bridge known as the Smithfield Bridge; William Johnson and Mr. Fitzgerald for the eastern or Carrying-place Bridge. The aforesaid are all steady, sober, industrious, careful men, and will give satisfaction if appointed. I would also respectfully urge the importance of having the appointments made and the canal opened as soon as possible, as I know that two lines of steamboats are anxious to run through the said canal as soon as navigation is open.

Yours truly,
 (Sgd.) E. COCHRANE.

Right Hon. Sir JOHN MACDONALD,
 Minister of Railways and Canals.

Retain McCrudden. Appoint Pelletier for East Bridge and such others as Mr. Cochrane, M.P., nominates.

(Sgd.) J. A. MD.

DEAR BOWELL,—Is Cochrane to have the whole patronage of the Murray Canal?

(Sgd.) J. A. MD.

DEAR SIR JOHN,—Certainly not. I told him over a year ago that the canal was not an East Northumberland one, but of Dominion character, and that West Hastings and Prince Edward must be considered in all appointments.

You will remember that Corby recommended Pelletier, Murphy's brother-in-law, for one of the positions, and it ought to be given to him.

Yours,

(Sgd.) M. BOWELL.

DEAR BOWELL,—Settle this with Cochrane. I consider Pelletier appointed.

EXHIBIT No. 6.

BRIGHTON, 4th September, 1889.

Railways and Canals, }
Received
6th September, 1889, }
Secretary's Office. }

MY DEAR BRADLEY,—As the Murray Canal is nearing completion, I would like to know the number of men that will be required at each bridge, and the probable amount they will receive; and also, if they have a house at the bridge, will they be allowed anything for providing their own house. If you can give this information you will oblige.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.)

E. COCHRANE.

EXHIBIT No. 7.

OTTAWA, 2nd May, 1890.

Railways and Canals, }
Received
2nd May, 1890, }
Secretary's Office. }

DEAR SIR,—I would submit the following as fit and proper persons to be appointed as bridge tenders on the Murray Canal: William Brown and Robert May for the bridge on the western end, known as Lovett's Bridge; John Clouston and Wesley Goodrich for the middle bridge, known as Smithfield Bridge; and John Fitzgerald and William Johnson for the eastern one, known as the Carrying-place Bridge. I would further suggest that those appointments should be made at once, as the shipping interest of that section will be much benefitted by the early opening of this canal. I am sure the Department is aware of this fact.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) E. COCHRANE.

A. P. BRADLEY, Esq.,
Secretary, Railways and Canals.

EXHIBIT No. 8.

Copy No. 81236.

8th May, 1890.

SIR,—I am instructed to inform you that the Minister has been pleased to name the following persons to be bridge-keepers on the Murray Canal, and you are

requested to notify each of them to that effect, viz.: Mr. C. F. Pelletier at East Bridge, Trenton Road; Mr. John Clouston at Centre Bridge, Smithfield Road; and Mr. Wm. Brown at West Bridge, Brighton Road. Mr. J. McCrudden, who has been named by the Ontario Central Railway Company to the railway bridge, will be paid by the Department.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary.

T. P. KEELER, Esq.,
Superintendent, Murray Canal, Brighton.

EXHIBIT No. 9.

Copy No. 81305.

14th May, 1890.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 8th instant informing you of the following men being appointed on the Canal under your Superintendence, viz. :—

C. F. Pelletier to East Bridge, Trenton Road.

J. Clouston, Centre Bridge, Smithfield Road.

And W. Brown, West Bridge, Brighton Road. I am by direction to ask you to report the ages of these men and what in your opinion are their qualifications for the positions they have been placed in.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary.

T. P. KEELER, Esq.,
Superintendent, Murray Canal,
Brighton.

EXHIBIT No. 10.

Copy No. 81344.

20th May, 1890.

SIR,—I am instructed to inform you that the Minister has been pleased to name the following persons for the position of Assistant Bridge Keepers on the Murray Canal, viz. :—

R. May, West Bridge, Brighton Road, at \$1.25 a day, and W. Goodrich to Centre Bridge, Smithfield Road, at \$1.25 a day. Will you please report the ages of these men and their qualification for the duties they have to perform.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary.

T. P. KEELER, Esq.,
Superintendent, Murray Canal,
Brighton.

EXHIBIT No. 11,

Copy No. 82318.

20th August, 1890.

SIR,—With reference to your letters of the 24th ultimo and 5th instant, I am by direction to say, Thomas Fitzgerald may be appointed as a bridge keeper on the Canal under your Superintendence at Trenton Road, from the first of September proximo, and during the season of navigation at \$1.25 a day. You are to understand that all the bridge keepers are to be employed only during the season of navigation.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary.

T. P. KEELER, Esq.,
Superintendent, Murray Canal,
Brighton, Ont.

EXHIBIT No. 12.

Copy No. 84020.

9th February, 1891.

SIR,—I am instructed to inform you, that the Minister has been pleased to name the following person for the position of Assistant to Mr. McCrudden, Bridge Keeper, Murray Canal, viz. :—

Mr. William Johnson.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. P. BRADLEY,

Secretary.

T. P. KEELER, Esq.

Superintendent, Murray Canal,
Brighton, Ont.

EXHIBIT No. 13.

Copy No. 84021.

9th February, 1891.

SIR,—The Superintendent of the Murray Canal having reported that it is necessary to have two men appointed to the Railway Bridge over the Murray Canal, I am instructed to say that the Minister has named Mr. William Johnson as the Assistant to Mr. McCrudden, and to give you notice of the appointment.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. P. BRADLEY,

Secretary.

R. FRASER, Esq.

Secy. Treas. & Superintendent,
Central Ontario Railway Company,
Trenton, Ont.

EXHIBIT No. 14.

LIST of Applicants.

No. of Appendix.	Date of Application.	Name.	By whom Recommended.	
128621	May 2, 1890..	W. Brown.....	E. Cochrane, M.P. . .	Brown appointed to west bridge.
128709	March 31, 1890..	do	do
128621	May 2, 1890..	R. May.	do ..	May appointed to west bridge.
128709	March 31, 1890..	do	do
128621	May 2, 1890..	J. Clouston.....	do ..	Clouston appointed to centre bridge.
128709	March 31, 1890..	do	do
128621	May 2, 1890..	W. Goodrich.....	do ..	Goodrich appointed to centre bridge.
128709	March 31, 1890..	do	do
128621	May 2, 1890..	J. Fitzgerald.....	do ..	Fitzgerald appointed to east bridge.
128709	March 31, 1890..	do	do
128621	May 2, 1890..	W. Johnson.....	do ..	Johnson appointed to east bridge.
128709	March 31, 1890..	do	do

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1891.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Skinner, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire fully into certain charges preferred against the Member for the East Riding of the County of Northumberland, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

Your Committee find, respecting the charge in reference to the appointment of Hedley H. Simpson as Government Lighthouse-keeper at Presqu'Isle Point, County of Northumberland:—

1. That Edward Cochrane was on the 7th day of January, 1888, and now is, a member of Parliament for the said riding and a supporter of the Government.
2. That in the year 1888 the said Hedley H. Simpson made and delivered to one James Stanley two promissory notes for \$100 each, one of which was endorsed by his uncle, Darius Simpson (a responsible party), and handed them to the said James Stanley, who loaned the said Hedley H. Simpson \$200 thereon.
3. The said Hedley H. Simpson applied the said money towards the payment of a promissory note made by Dr. Willoughby and one Pickworth, and endorsed first by William L. Payne, and secondly by the said Edward Cochrane. The said note was discounted at the Standard Bank to raise money to pay a part of a note for \$1,000 held by one Webb, which had been given some time previous to pay expenses connected with a protest, arising out of a local election for the Ontario Legislature, about the year 1883; the said Edward Cochrane not being a party to the original note and in no way responsible for its payment;

Your Committee find that the said Hedley H. Simpson did not, in pursuance of any corrupt or other bargain with the said Edward Cochrane, make the notes or get the same, or either of them, endorsed, or have the same or the proceeds thereof placed in a bank for the use of the said Edward Cochrane personally, or for any political purpose.

4. The said Hedley H. Simpson subsequently paid the said notes made by him.
5. The said Hedley H. Simpson was appointed as such Lighthouse-keeper.
6. That it was never corruptly nor in any way agreed, by and between the said Edward Cochrane and the said Hedley H. Simpson, that if the said Hedley H. Simpson would make and deliver to one James Stanley two promissory notes for \$100 each, endorsed by some responsible person, he, the said Edward Cochrane,

would procure the appointment of the said Hedley H. Simpson to the said office of Lighthouse-keeper for the Government lighthouse on Presqu'Isle Point; and whatever did take place with reference to the said appointment was between the said Hedley H. Simpson and the said James Stanley.

7. That a committee in the riding looked after the recommendation of persons to be appointed to the offices referred to in the charges, and such committee, through the said James Stanley, arranged for the recommendation of the said Simpson, and the said Stanley asked him to contribute towards payment of the said indebtedness of the party in reference to the protest above referred to, and he voluntarily consented to make a contribution for that purpose to the extent aforesaid.

Your Committee find, regarding the charge in reference to the proposed appointment of Arundel R. Simpson to the office of Bridge-keeper on the Murray Canal:—

1. That Obadiah Simpson was not promised in the summer of 1889, or at any other time, by the said Edward Cochrane, the Government office of keeper or attendant of one of the swing bridges over the Murray Canal, and no evidence was given to support this charge.

2. That James Stanley did not propose to the said Arundel R. Simpson, with the knowledge and consent of the said Edward Cochrane or otherwise, that if the said Arundel R. Simpson would pay \$150 and give to his father, the said Obadiah Simpson, a life lease of his farm (as compensation for his not being appointed such Bridge-keeper, which the charge alleges he had been promised and had not received), he, the said Arundel R. Simpson, would be appointed such Bridge-keeper.

3. As to the charge that shortly afterwards the said Arundel R. Simpson had an interview with the said Edward Cochrane on the same subject, when the said Edward Cochrane said to him that they could not take the \$150 for said office, that Stanley should not have made that offer, that other arrangements had been made with one Wesley Goodrich, who agreed to pay \$200 and give said lease for said appointment,—Your Committee find the only evidence which goes to substantiate even a portion of such charge was that given by Arundel R. Simpson. That the said Arundel R. Simpson had, in a solemn declaration which he had previously signed, given an entirely different version of certain matters connected with these charges from what he gave before this committee, and generally the manner in which the said Arundel R. Simpson gave his evidence, and because of his being contradicted by other evidence, and from his demeanour on the stand while giving his testimony, your Committee cannot place any reliance on the testimony he gave in reference to these charges.

4. That the charge that the said Edward Cochrane then and there corruptly proposed to the said Arundel R. Simpson that, if he would pay the said Edward Cochrane \$200 and give said life lease, he would be appointed, and that the said Arundel R. Simpson refused to do so, was wholly unsupported by evidence, and no attempt was made to prove the same, and it appears by the evidence that the said Arundel R. Simpson was not, nor ever had been, the owner of a farm.

Your Committee find, as to the charge in reference to the appointment of Wesley Goodrich to the office of Bridge-keeper on the Murray Canal:—

1. That it was never corruptly nor in any way agreed to, by and between the said Wesley Goodrich and the said Edward Cochrane, that if the said Edward Cochrane would procure the appointment of the said Wesley Goodrich to the said office, he, the said Wesley Goodrich, would pay the sum of \$200, and execute to the said Obadiah Simpson a life lease of his farm, with a condition in the lease that if said Goodrich lost said appointment said lease would be cancelled. The said Edward Cochrane had no connection with the making of the agreement and lease between said Goodrich and Obadiah Simpson; they did the business themselves, and your Committee find that no corrupt agreement was made by or between any persons as to such agreement and lease.

2. Your Committee find that as to the charge concerning the executing the lease by Goodrich and wife to Obadiah Simpson, and the payment by Goodrich of the

\$200, that the lease was executed and delivered as aforesaid, but the same was not done, as charged, in pursuance of a corrupt bargain, nor in pursuance of any agreement made with the said Edward Cochrane. The said Obadiah Simpson was an old man, desirous of being appointed as keeper of a bridge; and the said Goodrich, who owned a small farm, and had previously received a sunstroke, which rendered him, to a considerable extent, incapable of working on his farm, was desirous of getting the same position, in order that he might be able to make a living in such a class of work as he was then able to perform, and was willing, if he received the appointment, to make a lease of his farm for the life of the said Obadiah Simpson, and thereby benefit himself and make some provision for the said Obadiah Simpson in his old age (he being nearly 80 years old), and agreed of his own free will to make the life lease to the said Obadiah Simpson, whereby provision would be made for the said Obadiah Simpson, and thereupon and for the reason last aforesaid expressed, the said lease was executed and delivered to the said Obadiah Simpson. And as to the payment of the said \$200 by the said Goodrich, he (the said Goodrich) had heard that money was being raised to pay off the hereinbefore mentioned indebtedness of the party in the riding, and he voluntarily offered to contribute \$200 for that purpose; and one John Wade, a member of the said committee in the said riding, having heard of this, and also that the said Goodrich had offered to make the said lease, came and asked him if he would make such contribution, and he thereupon said, he would give the sum of \$200 towards such purpose, and at the time, he, the said Goodrich, did so, he knew he was to be recommended by the said committee for appointment as such Bridge-keeper, and that he had not yet been appointed; but he, the said Goodrich, did not say he would give said \$200, nor did he give nor pay the same under any agreement that his recommendation or appointment was dependent upon such promise or payment; but voluntarily offered to give, and voluntarily paid said \$200 in part liquidation of the said indebtedness, by sending the same to the said W. L. Payne on account thereof. That the said Goodrich informed the said Edward Cochrane that he, the said Goodrich, was about giving the lease to said Obadiah Simpson, for the purpose of making such provision for said Obadiah Simpson. That said Edward Cochrane did not, either corruptly or otherwise, receive any money from the said Goodrich. When the said Goodrich was about taking the \$200, which he said he was willing to contribute towards the payment of said indebtedness, to W. L. Payne, he asked the said Edward Cochrane to count the money for him, and he, the said Goodrich, to save time and trouble in travelling, sent the money to W. L. Payne by Wallace Cochrane, a son of the said Edward Cochrane, who was going on other business to Colborne, the place where said Payne lived.

3. That the said Wesley Goodrich was appointed to the office of Bridge-keeper on the Murray Canal.

1. Your Committee find: That the said Edward Cochrane was elected a member of the last Parliament on the 22nd December, 1887, and upon the 7th day of January, 1888, and until after the Session of 1888, was the member for said riding; that he was subsequently unseated, and was re-elected such member on the 21st November, 1888, and from thence remained such member for the balance of said Parliament, and now is the member for the East Riding of the County of Northumberland.

2. That it was not corruptly or otherwise agreed by and between the said Edward Cochrane and John D. Clouston, William Brown and Robert May, or either or any of them, that if they or any of them would pay to him, or certain other persons for him, or for political purposes, the sum of \$200, or any other sum, he would procure for each, or any of them, the position, under the Government of Canada, of attendant or keeper of one of the swing bridges over or across the Murray Canal, and that no money was paid in pursuance of any corrupt agreement.

3. That John D. Clouston, William Johnson, William Brown and Robert May, were appointed Bridge-keepers or attendant of bridges over the Murray Canal, and were recommended for such appointment by the said committee in the riding, or some of the members thereof; that all of the men were strong supporters of the

Conservative party, and knew of the existence of the said indebtedness, in connection with the expenses arising out of the said protest, before and at the time of such recommendation. In response to the expressed desire of the said committee or some one of them, the said Clouston and Brown each voluntarily stated that he would pay \$150, and the said Robert May voluntarily stated he would pay \$125 towards payment of such indebtedness, and afterwards the said Clouston paid about \$100, and the said Brown and Robert May each paid \$150 for such purpose. That the offers to make such payments, were made to some or one of the members of the said committee, either at the time of their being notified of such recommendation or shortly after; and that such offers and payments respectively were voluntary and unconditional. That the money so paid by Clouston, Brown and Robert May was paid in reduction of notes given for a part of the expenses in connection with the protest arising out of the Ontario local election, hereinbefore mentioned, and the said Edward Cochrane was not a party to such notes or either of them, or in any way liable for their payment or for the payment of any part thereof.

4. That as to the charge that, while he was such member, it was corruptly agreed by and between the said Edward Cochrane and one Henry May, that if the said Henry May would pay the said Edward Cochrane, or to others for him, or for political purposes, the sum of \$200, he would procure for the said Henry May the office or position under the Government of foreman or overseer of employés under the Government, and that in pursuance of such corrupt agreement the sum of \$200 was paid, and the said office or position duly received by the said Henry May.

Your Committee find that such charge is wholly unsustainable, and not only was there no evidence to warrant such a charge, but the testimony given, clearly showed that the office referred to was not one within the recommendation of the said Edward Cochrane, or within the gift of the Government, but was under the appointment of the Superintendent of the Canal, without reference in any way to the Government, and the evidence further disclosed, that the said Henry May had not had any communication with the said Edward Cochrane in regard to said position, and that the said Edward Cochrane had not intervened in any way whatever with regard to the appointment of the said Henry May, and that such charge was not only groundless, but that the same had been made without information from the parties who could have shown that no reason existed for making the charge.

1. Your Committee further find that the appointments of the said Hedley H. Simpson as Lighthouse-keeper as aforesaid, and of the said Wesley Goodrich, John D. Clouston, William Brown and Robert May, as such Bridge-keepers on the Murray Canal, were all recommended to said Edward Cochrane by the said Committee, and by the said Edward Cochrane recommended to the Government.

2. That no evidence was given or suggestion made that the said appointments or any of them were improper in consequence of any insufficiency or incompetency in the persons so appointed.

3. That the facts which your Committee have reported with reference to the manner of making recommendations for the appointments by the political committee in the riding and the soliciting of subscriptions by the committee from the applicants, for the aforesaid purpose, all occurred before the last election of the said Edward Cochrane and were well known in the riding before the said last election, and discussed at the nomination on the hustings and at other places during said election contest.

4. Your Committee report that the practice which seems to have been resorted to by the political organization referred to, in order to raise a fund for political purposes, though not connected with Dominion politics, was improper and reprehensible.

Your Committee also report that the charge relating to William Johnson could not be gone into by them, as they were unable to secure the attendance of the said Johnson before them, and in the event of its appearing by the statements of any two members of the Committee that Johnson's attendance can be procured at a sub-

sequent date during the session, it is recommended that the Committee ask leave to sit again for the purpose of taking up and investigating the William Johnson charge; and in the event of the Committee not being able to secure his attendance, or of inability to proceed during the present session, that the order of reference shall be deemed amended by the erasure therefrom of the charge relating to William Johnson, and the whole order of reference shall be treated as if the William Johnson charge had never been made.

All which is respectfully submitted, together with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee and the Minutes of the Evidence taken by them.

D. TISDALE,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
FRIDAY, 11th September, 1891.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

(*The Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee of Friday, 28th August, 1891; Wednesday, 2nd September, 1891; Thursday, 3rd September, 1891; Friday, 4th September, 1891; and Thursday, 10th September, 1891, are not printed.*)

COMMITTEE ROOM, FRIDAY, 11th September, 1891,

Committee met.

Present: Mr. TISDALE in the Chair; Messieurs Caron (Sir Adolphe), Cameron (Huron), German, Mulock, Skinner, and White (Shelburne).

Consideration of proposed Report resumed.

Mr. Skinner moves, seconded by Mr. White (Shelburne), That the Report now read be adopted. (For this Report see the Second Report of the Committee.)

Mr. Cameron (Huron) moves in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. German, That the said Report be not adopted, but that the following be reported to the House as the Report of this Committee:—

To the Honourable the House of Commons:

Your Committee selected to enquire into, and report on, certain charges preferred against Edward Cochrane, Member for the East Riding of the County of Northumberland—which said charges are in the following words:—

1. That in the year A.D. 1888, there was a vacancy in the position of Government Lighthouse-keeper in the Government lighthouse on Presqu'Isle Point, County of Northumberland.

2. That one Hedley H. Simpson was an applicant for said office.

3. That Edward Cochrane then was, and now is, the member for the House of Commons for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the said County of Northumberland, and a supporter of the Government.

4. That in the year 1888, it was corruptly agreed to, by and between the said Edward Cochrane and the said Hedley H. Simpson, that if the said Hedley H. Simpson would make and deliver to one James Stanley two promissory notes for \$100 each, endorsed by some responsible person, he, the said Edward Cochrane, would procure the appointment of the said Hedley H. Simpson to the said office of Lighthouse-keeper of the Government lighthouse on Presqu'Isle Point.

5. That the said Hedley H. Simpson, in pursuance of said corrupt bargain, did make the said two promissory notes for \$100 each—procured their endorsement by a responsible party—handed them to the said James Stanley, who received the same and placed them in a bank for the use of the said Edward Cochrane personally or for political purposes.

6. That the said Hedley H. Simpson subsequently paid the said notes.

7. That the said Hedley H. Simpson, in pursuance of said corrupt bargain, received the said appointment.

1. That in the summer of 1889 Obadiah Simpson was promised by the said Edward Cochrane, the Government office of keeper or attendant of one of the swing bridges over the Murray Canal.

2. That in the summer of 1889 the said James Stanley, who is a confidential friend and warm political supporter of the said Edward Cochrane, sent for one Arundel R. Simpson to call and see him. He did, when the said James Stanley proposed to the said Arundel R. Simpson, with the knowledge and consent of the said Edward Cochrane, that if the said Arundel R. Simpson would pay \$150 and give to his father, the said Obadiah Simpson, the life lease of his farm (as compensation for his not being appointed such Bridge-keeper)—he had been promised and had not received the said office—he, the said Arundel R. Simpson, would be appointed such Bridge-keeper.

3. That shortly afterwards the said Arundel R. Simpson had an interview with the said Edward Cochrane on the same subject, when the said Edward Cochrane said to him that they could not take the \$150 for said office, that Stanley should not have made that offer, that other arrangements had been made with one Wesley Goodrich, who agreed to pay \$200 and give said life lease for said appointment.

4. That the said Edward Cochrane then and there corruptly proposed to the said Arundel R. Simpson, that if he would pay said Edward Cochrane \$200 and give said life lease he would be appointed. This he refused to do.

5. That subsequently it was corruptly agreed to, by and between the said Wesley Goodrich and the said Edward Cochrane, that if the said Edward Cochrane would procure the appointment of the said Wesley Goodrich to the said Government office of keeper of said bridge, he, the said Wesley Goodrich, would pay the sum of \$200, and execute to the said Obadiah Simpson, father of the said Arundel R. Simpson, a life lease on his farm, with a condition in said lease, that if said Wesley Goodrich lost said appointment said lease would be cancelled.

6. That in pursuance of the said corrupt bargain the said Wesley Goodrich paid said money and executed said lease, and caused his wife to execute the same, to the said Obadiah Simpson, on part of Lot 18, in the 2nd Concession of the Township of Cramahé, in the said county, for the rent of one peppercorn a year and on the condition that if the said Goodrich should be released by the Government from attendance on said bridge said lease would come to an end and be void, but said condition was not to apply in case said Goodrich should be discharged on account of any act of his own.

1. That Edward Cochrane was, during the last Parliament, and now is the member for the electoral district of the East Riding of the County of Northumberland.

2. That while he was such member it was corruptly agreed to by and between the said Edward Cochrane and John D. Clouston, William Johnson, William Brown and Robert May, respectively, that if each of them would pay to him, or to certain other persons for him or for political purposes, the sum of \$200, he would procure for each of them the position under the Government of Canada of attendant or keeper of one of the swing-bridges over or across the Murray Canal.

3. That in pursuance of such corrupt agreement the said several sums of money were paid, and the said persons were so appointed to said positions.

4. That while he, the said Edward Cochrane, was such member as aforesaid, it was corruptly agreed by and between the said Edward Cochrane and one Henry May, that if the said Henry May would pay the said Edward Cochrane, or to other persons for him, or for political purposes, the sum of \$200, he would procure for the said Henry May the office or position under the Government of foreman or overseer of employés under the Government.

5. That in pursuance of the said corrupt agreement, the said sum of \$200 was paid, and the said office or position duly received by the said Henry May :

Beg leave to report as follows :—

1. We find, that when the transactions hereinafter mentioned took place, the said Edward Cochrane was and still is the member for said riding.

2. That the said Edward Cochrane, while he was such member, was and is a supporter of the Administration, and as such had the patronage of the Administration for Government offices in and for said riding.

3. That certain leading Conservatives in the said riding, in or about the year 1883, assumed certain liabilities for certain debts, amounting to about \$1,000, for certain costs arising out of a certain protested election for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

4. That such liability, or a portion of it, continued down to the year 1890 or 1891.

5. That said Edward Cochrane, with others, was liable for \$619.69 of said debt down until and after the payment by Hedley Simpson, hereinafter mentioned, was made.

6. That about four years ago certain electors of said riding, viz., Messrs. May, Adam, Stanley, Lawson and Bullock constituted themselves a committee for the purpose of raising money to pay off said debt, and the mode they adopted was by recommending certain persons to said Edward Cochrane as fit and proper persons to fill certain Government offices, the said Edward Cochrane then recommending such persons to the Government as fit and proper persons to fill said offices, the persons so recommended agreeing to pay a certain price or sum for said offices.

7. That the said Edward Cochrane was not a member of the said committee, but he knew of the purpose and object of its existence; attended one or more of its meetings, when matters relating to said offices were discussed; acted on the committee's recommendations, and when persons made applications to him for offices he referred them to the said committee for a recommendation, which he acted on. Mr. Bullock, one of said committee, gave the following evidence, on oath, before your Committee:—

“2406. What were the duties of that committee?—The duties of the committee was to see if we could not appoint somebody on the canal for the bridges there.

2407. How much were each of them to give?—We exacted \$150 from every one of them. That is what we wanted.

2408. What were these people to get for the \$150 they were to pay?—I cannot swear to that.

2409. What was the \$150 to be given for?—It was to be given for our influence.

2410. Were you to put this \$150 in your pocket?—No.

2411. Who was to give \$150?—Everybody who got the appointment.

2412. And those who did not get the appointment were not to pay it?—Certainly not.”

“2420. It was the rule that those who were applicants should pay \$150—I think it was.”

“2489. Did Mr. Cochrane attend any of the meetings?—He was there once. I do not know whether he had any conversation with me or any of us.”

“2514. When your store was closed?—Yes.

2515. Then Mr. Cochrane remained there after the store was closed?—He came in accidentally, I think.

2516. Did you say that the committee met there after the store was closed?—Yes.

2517. And Mr. Cochrane was there when the committee met?—Yes.

2518. For the whole of the time?—No; not when they were meeting.

2519. Oh, well, did he come in afterwards?—Yes; he came in after the committee met.

2520. Now, the committee met after the store was closed, and Mr. Cochrane, having come in after the committee met, must have come in after the store was closed?—He did.”

“2524. Where did the committee transact its business in the store?—I believe it was right in the open store.

2525. Right in there in the main part of the store?—Yes.

2526. And that is where Mr. Cochrane came?—Yes.

2527. Mr. Cochrane was in there with the committee?—Yes; but he was not on the committee.

2528. I know, but he was in there with the committee?—He was there when the committee was there in the store. I could not swear when Mr. Cochrane came in, but I know he came right into the store when the committee was meeting there.

2529. You have sworn that Mr. Cochrane was there?—Yes.

2530. And you have sworn that he was there while the committee were there?—Yes; that's true."

"2548. I mean the committee. What business did the committee do that night?—They talked over different questions about the bridges.

2549. How long did Mr. Cochrane remain?—As far as my knowledge goes, he did not remain very long."

"2554. I suppose the discussion was going on while he was there?—The discussion was going on. Yes.

2555. The talk about the bridges was going on while he was there?—Yes.

2556. You were talking about the men who would get the appointments and the amounts that they were to pay?—Certainly."

"1040. You did tell Mr. Cochrane that Hedley Simpson gave \$200?—Yes.

1041. How long after this was it?—I do not know.

1042. Would it be a week?—It might."

8. That in the month of April, 1888, one Hedley H. Simpson was recommended by the said committee to the said Edward Cochrane as a fit person to fill the position of lighthouse-keeper at Presqu'Isle Point.

9. That James Stanley, one of said committee, and by its authority, called on said Hedley H. Simpson and told him of said recommendation, and made it a condition of his getting said appointment that he should pay the said Stanley the sum of \$200 to be used in part liquidation of said debt.

10. That thereupon the said Edward Cochrane recommended the said Hedley H. Simpson to the Government as a fit person to fill the said office.

11. That the said Hedley H. Simpson duly paid the said sum, and on said recommendations he duly received said office and now holds the same—and this to the knowledge of said Edward Cochrane—the said Stanley, in his evidence before said committee, swore as follows:—

"693. Then how did Mr. Simpson come to be appointed?—Well, he was recommended by the committee.

694. To whom did the committee recommend Mr. Simpson?—I suppose to Mr. Cochrane.

695. How did this recommendation come from the committee to Mr. Cochrane?—Verbally, I suppose.

696. Then if verbally, who talked?—Mr. Cochrane happened to be in town, I suppose, and they told him."

"701. Then you think now you did see Mr. Cochrane, as one of the committee?—I say I may have done so; I may have had a conversation, but that was all.

702. But you think you did see him in regard to the appointment of Mr. Hedley Simpson, after all this money was paid?—I don't know whether it was before or after.

703. But at all events, either before or after, you did see Mr. Cochrane?—Yes; I may have seen him before or after, but I don't know."

"714. Did Mr. Cochrane know anything about the payment of this money?—I don't think he did at the time.

715. Well, when did he?—I think it was some time after.

716. How long after?—I cannot tell you.

717. How did he come to know it?—I don't know but what I told him myself.

718. You might have told him yourself?—I think I did."

"720. How long afterwards?—I cannot tell you.

721. Before the appointment was made?—I cannot tell you whether it was before or after.

722. But you do remember now that you had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane, and Mr. Cochrane knew from you that the \$200 were paid?—I don't say that. I say I may have had before or after; I don't remember."

12. Pending the negotiations between said Stanley, and the said Hedley H. Simpson and the said Edward Cochrane respecting said lighthouse, the said Edward Cochrane wrote the said Hedley H. Simpson a letter respecting said lighthouse, and sent it to him by the hands of Arundel Simpson, who in said investigation swore as follows respecting the same:—

"309. I ask you if you had any conversation with Mr. Cochrane, the member, in regard to the appointment of Mr. Hedley Simpson to a position of lighthouse keeper at Presqu'Isle?—Well, along in March I think. I think his father died in October, and I gave him a letter from Mr. Cochrane.

310. Did you see that letter?—No, I saw the letter but I did not know what was in it. I could not tell you what was in it.

311. Was that letter read in your presence?—I don't know as it was. I don't think it was; I would not swear positively, it is quite a while ago.

312. Did Mr. Cochrane tell you what was in the letter?—He told me it was concerning the lighthouse, and wanted to know if I would send the letter to Mr. Hedley Simpson, for him to come and see him."

"1857. You say Mr. Cochrane sent you with the letter to your relative Hedley?—Yes.

1858. And Mr. Stanley was present at the time and knew the letter was going to Hedley from Mr. Cochrane?—Yes.

1859. Do you know whether he knew the contents of the letter?—I do not know.

1860. Did you see Mr. Cochrane after he got the letter?—Yes.

1861. Now in the eighth paragraph of the declaration you said: "Subsequently said Cochrane sent to the said Hedley H. Simpson by me a letter in which it was stated that said Hedley H. Simpson would be required, in order to secure the said appointment, to give security for the payment of \$200, which letter I delivered to the said Hedley H. Simpson." How did you know the statement that was in the letter?—Well, I took the letter down to Herbert Simpson; he stays at Whitney, and he said that he would have to pay the money.

1862. Were you there when the letter was read?—Yes.

1863. The letter was read by whom?—I think it was read in the first place by Herbert Simpson's wife. She is the one who read the letter first, I think.

1864. You all were there and heard it read?—Yes.

1865. You say that was what was in the letter?—That is what they told me was in the letter. That was what would be required in order to get the appointment.

1866. You did not read the letter yourself?—No.

1867. The letter was read when you took it there?—Yes.

1868. It was opened there?—The letter was not sealed up.

1869. The envelope was open?—Yes.

1870. In the presence of Hedley Simpson, Herbert Simpson, Herbert Simpson's wife and yourself?—Yes. It was read by Herbert Simpson's wife. Mrs. Herbert Simpson does the business—the reading and everything that is done in that way.

1871. Then the letter, the envelope not being sealed, was read by Mrs. Herbert Simpson in the presence of yourself?—Yes; and Hedley, when he found what was in the letter, asked me what I thought he should do, and I said that he had better take it. Herbert Simpson said no, not to take it. Afterwards in a day or two, they wanted to know what I thought about it myself."

13. That, respecting the price paid for said office and the said Edward Cochrane's knowledge thereof, the said Arundel Simpson gave the following evidence:—

324. Mr. Cochrane told you that Snetsinger offered him something?—Yes.
325. How much did he say?—I would not be positive, either \$400 or \$600.
326. He said that Snetsinger offered him, either \$400 or \$600 for the appointment?—I would not be positive which; he told me it was quite an amount.
327. What did he say, then, at that conversation, about giving it to Hedley H. Simpson?—I don't know exactly what he said about it.
328. Did he say anything?—I don't know; it is quite a while ago. He said I believe that he would, or they would, let him have it a good deal cheaper.
329. Would let who have it cheaper?—Mr. Hedley Simpson.
330. What did he say?—He said that Hedley would get it for \$200.
331. Why do you refer to the word "cheaper"?—I don't know; I suppose that is what he said.
332. Tell us what he said?—He said he would get it for \$200.
333. Did he use the word "cheaper"?—I don't know as he did."
- "1812. Who is "he"?—Mr. Snetsinger. He said Mr. Snetsinger would give \$600 for the lighthouse, and they only got \$200. Cochrane said that to me in the store. He did not say he offered him; he said he would give it. But that Hedley only gave \$200.
1813. But that he (Cochrane) would secure the appointment of said Hedley H. Simpson for a good deal less than \$600?—He did secure it. This was long after, as Mr. Cochrane knows."

1. That in the end of the year 1889 or in the early part of 1890, the said James Stanley, with the consent of the said Edward Cochrane, proposed to one Arundel Simpson, that if the said Arundel Simpson would pay \$150 to the said James Stanley for the purpose aforesaid, he the said Arundel Simpson would be appointed a bridge tender on said canal. Arundel Simpson refused to pay anything, and therefore it was agreed to, by and between one Wesley Goodrich and the parties aforesaid that if he would pay \$200 for the purpose aforesaid and give a life lease of his farm to one Obadiah Simpson, he would get said appointment, that the said Wesley Goodrich paid said sum, gave said life lease, and received said appointment on the recommendation of said Edward Cochrane. The evidence of said Arundel Simpson on this point is as follows:—

"1519. Did you see Mr. Stanley in 1889, in regard to getting an appointment as bridge-keeper?—I did.

1520. What took place then?—Mr. Stanley sent for me.

1521. Well, what else?—I went up there to see him, and he told me they were about to let the bridges.

1522. What was said to you?—He said they were going to let the bridges and that they intended me to have one.

1523. You say they were going to let the bridges. What do you mean by that?—To appoint the bridge tenders.

1524. Did he say anything about your getting one?—He said that I could get one by looking after my father and giving him \$150.

1525. Who told you that?—James Stanley.

1526. Whom did you mean by giving "him" \$150?—Mr. Stanley.

1527. When you say that he said you were to look after your father, were those the words that were used, or what did he mean?—He went, in the first place, to see my father and told him, that they had promised him a bridge, but that he was too old to be appointed. He asked him if he wanted one of his sons appointed in his place, and he said yes, and he would like to see me appointed.

1528. Did you afterwards see Mr. Cochrane about it?—He saw me about it.

1529. Mr. Cochrane did?—Yes.

1530. You met Mr. Cochrane in Brighton?—Yes.

1531. What took place between you and Mr. Cochrane? Did he send for you?—He called me into the room.

1532. Where was this—in the hotel?—In Mr. Stanley's hotel.

1533. What did he say to you?—He said they had made different arrangements about the bridge. That they were going to make some arrangements for fifty acres of land for my father, and let someone else have the bridge.

1534. Did he say with whom the arrangement was made?—I do not think he did that night."

"1538. What did he say about the \$150?—I do not know just what he did say.

1539. Try and think?—He said they had made other arrangements. I said it was all right; I was not very particular."

"1541. What else did he say?—He said that Mr. Stanley could not pay off \$900 with four bridges at \$150 apiece.

1542. Where was that said to you?—At Mr. Stanley's hotel.

1543. By Mr. Cochrane?—By Mr. Cochrane.

1544. The member for East Northumberland?—Yes.

1545. When he said that they had made other arrangements, was anything said in regard to more money?—That is all I heard him say. I heard him say what I have just told you."

"1573. How much was he getting from you?—Mr. Stanley was getting \$150."

"1578. He gave you to understand then, that some arrangement had been made by some parties which prevented him from recommending you?—That is what he told me."

"1691. Did he tell you anything more?—He said, that Mr. Stanley said, they could not pay off \$900 with four bridges at \$150 each, Mr. Stanley could not pay it off with that amount."

"1830. What did he say about your father?—He said the old gentleman was too old.

1831. He said the old gentleman was too old, and what else?—He would like to have the money right off, as soon as possible.

1832. How much money?—\$150.

1833. What else were you to do?—I was to get the money for him, I suppose.

1834. Any other condition?—From Mr. Stanley? I don't know as there was, except to see to my father—maintain my father."

"1846. How much had he paid?—Who had paid?

1847. Whoever had been appointed?—He said that he could get more for it. He could get \$200.

1848. No, no; you said before, that he could not pay off \$900 with four bridges at \$150. What did Mr. Cochrane say?—About the bridge?

1849. Yes.—That is what he told me; he could not pay off with four bridges.

1850. Is that all?—He said something about getting more from this man: that is \$200."

The evidence of Wesley Goodrich on this point is as follows:—

"3682. You talked of the life lease to Mr. Cochrane?—I told Mr. Cochrane what I would do about it. He told me I was very foolish.

3683. You told him about the life lease?—I told him that.

3684. That you were willing to give the life lease of your farm to get a bridge?—Yes, sir.

3685. Did you tell him you were willing to pay \$200 besides?—I did not. I have no recollection of it.

3686. At no time?—I won't say at no time. I think I did once tell him.

3687. When?—Some time before that.

3688. How long before that?—I could not tell you.

3689. You told him at that time that you were willing to give a life lease and the \$200?—No, sir. Wade proposed that if I got the bridge I should give \$200.

3690. You told Mr. Cochrane that Wade had proposed that you should pay \$200 to the bridge?

3691. You have just told me, I think, that you told Mr. Cochrane you were willing to give a life lease of your farm for a bridge? Is that so?—Mr. Cochrane

mentioned to me that there was a man by the name of King who wanted a bridge. Then I said I would give \$200 at that time.

3692. For the bridge?—For the bridge.”

“3698. You did pay the \$200?—I did, sir.

3699. That was before you gave the lease?—Yes, sir.

3700. To whom did you pay the \$200?—I paid it to Mr. Edward Cochrane.

3701. To the member for the East Riding of Northumberland?—Yes. It was more convenient for me to go to him than to Mr. Wade. Wade's was a long way out of my way. He told me to take it to Mr. Payne when I offered it to him.

3702. Who told you?—Mr. Cochrane. I said to him, “Are you not going to Colborne soon? It is out of my way if I have to go on purpose.” He said, “Wallace is going to-night with the grist.” The team was standing in the yard, and I suggested that perhaps Wallace would take it up. He said he could. Wallace went for his overcoat, and I took the money out of my pocket and asked him to count it.

3703. Whom did you ask to count it?—Mr. Cochrane.

3704. I think you had better tell the Committee again what happened there?—I agreed with Mr. Wade to pay this \$200. Mr. Wade lived at Hilton, quite a way from my place, and I went to Mr. Cochrane (he was in the barnyard at the time when I arrived), and I asked him would he take the money. He told me to take it to Mr. Payne at Colborne, but that was quite a way for me to go. I said, “Are you not going soon,” as I knew he went there often. He said, “Wallace is going to-night with the grist.” I had noticed the team and waggon in the yard. Wallace was going to the house to get his overcoat and I suggested that somebody ought to count the money. I said, “Would he.” He did not answer me but, he seemed not to want to do it. I took it out of my pocket and urged him. He then took it and counted it and then handed it to Wallace. Wallace had got back by this time. He said, “Wallace, give that to Payne.” That is as straight as I can tell you.

3705. What did you give that \$200 for? What value did you get for it?—I got the situation—the bridge.

3706. And that is what you gave the money for?—I suppose if you put it that way, I don't know any other. Mr. Wade told me he was holding it for some money he wanted to realize on it.”

“3721. What was the date?—I have no memorandum, I could not tell you the date. It will be two years ago this coming fall—from the fall of 1889.

3722. You said it was before the lease was drawn?—Before the lease was drawn.

3723. And the lease was drawn on the 15th of October, 1890?—I did not give the lease until after I got the position.

3724. And the payment of the money was before you got the position?—Yes, sir; a year ago last fall it was.

3725. Can you remember how long before you got the appointment it was that you paid the \$200?—I paid the \$200 a year ago last fall and I got the position a year ago last spring.”

“3769. How did Mr. Cochrane know that you should take it to Mr. Payne?—I do not know. I did not ask him, and he did not tell me.

3770. Did he appear to know what the \$200 was for?—I do not know that he said a word. He said in one of the conversations that I had with him that he had got into trouble over the protest, and of course I understood that the trouble related to the funds. I understood somebody to say that there was trouble over the protest.”

“3777. I will read you this in order to ascertain if you heard of it before. I am about to read from the statement that Mr. Cochrane made on the 20th of August, 1891, in reply to one of these charges. In the course of his observations Mr. Cochrane said: “It had been understood I would recommend for appointment to the bridge an old man named Obadiah Simpson, and arrangement was made between Simpson and Goodrich by which Simpson was to take a life lease of Goodrich's farm.” Do you know that it had been so understood? Do you know that it had been understood that Mr. Cochrane would recommend Mr. Obadiah Simpson for the office?—I know

that there was talk, that Obadiah Simpson had been promised a bridge, and I suppose it had been through Mr. Cochrane.

3778. You understood that he was to get the bridge?—Yes.

3779. And you found that if you were to have the bridge it would be necessary for you to satisfy Obadiah?—Yes.

3780. And it was to satisfy him that you gave a life lease of the farm?—Yes.

3781. Did you tell Mr. Cochrane that you were willing to satisfy Obadiah?—I might have done so. I dare say I did, but I really cannot tell.

3782. Had he mentioned to you that he had promised Obadiah?—I would not say whether he ever did so or not.

3783. Do you remember telling him what you were willing to do in order to satisfy Webb and Obadiah Simpson, and that you had satisfied Simpson with regard to the lease, and Webb with regard to the money?—Yes, sir.

3784. You had satisfied the two?—I felt that I had.

3785. The arrangement was satisfactory all round?—Yes. I proposed to do that if that would satisfy them, and they were satisfied.

3786. And you entered upon your duties the following spring—in the spring of 1890?—Yes.

3787. This arrangement was made in the fall of 1889?—Yes, it was a year ago last fall."

15. That in or about the middle of May, 1890, one William Brown was recommended by the said committee to said Edward Cochrane for the position of bridge tender on the Murray Canal, who recommended him to the Government for said position. That the said committee exacted from the said William Brown the sum of \$150 for said recommendations to be used for the purposes aforesaid. That said William Brown paid said sum and received said appointment with recommendation of said Edward Cochrane.

William Brown's evidence on this point is as follows:—

"2561. Have you any position upon that canal?—Yes, sir.

2562. What position have you got?—Bridge-keeper.

2563. How did you come to get that position?—Through the committee.

2564. What committee?—The committee which was appointed to recommend somebody for the position.

2565. You knew a committee had been appointed for that purpose?—I was told by several of the committee they had been appointed, and I was told by Mr. Cochrane also that a committee had been appointed.

2566. You were told by Mr. Cochrane there had been a committee appointed for the purpose of recommending parties for the position of bridge-keeper?—Yes.

2567. Mr. Cochrane told you that?—He did.

2568. Who is Mr. Cochrane?—He is member for East Northumberland.

2569. And it was Mr. Cochrane, member for East Northumberland, who told you that a committee had been appointed for the purpose of recommending different people?—He was the only one that told me I would have to go to the committee.

2570. Then you went to Mr. Cochrane first of all?—First of all.

2571. What did you go to him for?—For a position on the canal.

2572. What did you say to him?—I asked him what my chances were for such a position. He told me he had left the matter in the hands of the committee and that I would have to apply to the committee."

"2577. Who did you converse with in regard to the \$150?—The first one I had a conversation, with was James Stanley.

2578. And who was the second one?—That is all.

2579. You never had a conversation with anybody except Mr. James Stanley regarding the \$150?—Outside the committee do you mean, or the committee men?"

"2625. But it was arranged before you got the appointment that you were to pay the money?—Yes.

2626. With whom was that arrangement made?—Mr. Stanley.

2627. Do you know that Mr. Stanley was one of this committee?—I do.

2628. The committee to which Mr. Cochrane sent you?—Yes.

2629. Was it Mr. Stanley who told you to pay the money to Mr. Webb?—It was."

" 2646. Then that \$150 had nothing to do with your getting that appointment? It had, hadn't it?—Yes, it had.

2647. When you went to Mr. Webb to pay the money, what did you say to him?—I said I was requested by Mr. Stanley to go and pay him \$150."

16. That while the said Edward Cochrane was such member as aforesaid, one Thomas Fitzgerald was recommended by said committee to the said Edward Cochrane for the position of bridge tender at Trent Bridge, Murray Canal, that the said James Stanley, as a member of the said committee, and by its authority, exacted from the said Thomas Fitzgerald the sum of \$150, to be used for the purposes aforesaid, for such recommendation and office that the said Edward Cochrane recommended to the Government the said Thomas Fitzgerald for said office that the said Thomas Fitzgerald paid said sum and received said appointment on said recommendation.

In this case said James Stanley gave the following evidence:—

" 893. You had sent word to these people to assemble there?—Yes.

894. These various applicants, Daniel Vanalstine, Fitzgerald, Brown, May and Clouston, were present on your invitation?—These were the ones the committee recommended, and I sent for them myself afterward.

895. Were they present at the meeting of the committee?—No.

896. Anyone of them?—Not to my knowledge.

897. I asked you to say the first person you appointed afterwards, and you gave me this list of names. The committee recommended all these?—Yes.

898. Thomas Fitzgerald was recommended and he got the office?—Yes.

899. He paid \$150 for the office of bridge-keeper?—Yes.

900. Who did he pay the money to?—To me.

901. And you applied that money how?—I put that money in the bank to my credit. I left it there until I got notice from W. L. Payne to send either the money or a draft. I forget which it was I sent.

902. What did you do with the money?—I think I sent on \$150 in money or by cheque to W. L. Payne or to the Standard Bank, I am not certain, to apply on the note in the Standard Bank.

903. Then Daniel Vanalstine did not get an office?—No.

904. He had paid \$150 under the same circumstances?—Yes.

905. And he was repaid that?—Yes, he was repaid.

906. Because he did not get the office?—There were more applicants than there was bridges for them, and we paid the money back.

907. That is curious. Then his contribution was in a sense contingent on his getting the office?—He was giving it voluntarily.

908. You did not think it fair to keep it if he did not get the office?—No."

On the same point the said Thomas Fitzgerald gave the following evidence:—

" 1206. You live at the Carrying Place?—Yes.

1207. On the Murray Canal?—Yes.

1208. You paid \$150?—Yes.

1209. To whom?—Mr. Stanley.

1210. What for?—To help the party through their indebtedness for the Wade and Ferris protest. That was what I was informed. I do not know anything about it.

1211. Who informed you that?—Mr. James Stanley.

1212. And you paid the money to him?—Yes.

1213. Did you see Mr. Cochrane before that?—Yes, sir.

1214. In regard to the appointment?—Yes, sir.

1215. What was the conversation you had with Mr. Cochrane?—I only saw him once. I got a petition from a few men in the Riding and showed it to him. He said it was very good; "I will give it to the committee; I have nothing more to say. Whoever the committee picks out, will get it."

1216. That was before you were named by the committee?—I do not know. I had friends who put in the communication.

1217. That was when the petition was being got up?—Yes.

1218. Mr. Cochrane said he left matters entirely in the hands of the committee?—Yes.

1219. Then Mr. Cochrane knew of the committee?—I do not know that.

1220. Did you pay this \$150 in cash to Mr. Stanley?—Yes, in hard cash."

"1229. You know that you paid the \$150?—Yes.

1230. At the time you paid it, were you then a bridge keeper by appointment of the Government?—Certainly not. I was on the bridge, but not appointed by the Government. I had been on there for years.

1232. When you paid the \$150 to Stanley you were not at that time a permanently appointed bridge keeper by the Government?—Certainly not.

1233. Did you say before that you received a promise from the committee?—I will tell you all I know about it: I will tell it without question and answer. I was asked to go up to Brighton. I was informed by some of my friends there to make application to Mr. Cochrane. He said; "I cannot make you any promise; I leave it entirely to the committee." I merely showed him the recommendations I had, and he said: "They are very good, but I cannot make any promise." I walked away. I was informed to go up and see Mr. Stanley, and Mr. Stanley says, says he: "I understand from what I have heard that the Committee has picked you out as a bridge keeper on the Murray Canal, and you ought to help us on this debt that we are under to the party." I said, "I am willing to do my part," and that is all I said. I said: "When you are ready for me and want my money I will pay it." He said they had some notes to pay and that they were heavy in debt, and I said: "I am a Conservative and will do my duty." "

17. That while the said Edward Cochrane was such member as aforesaid, one Robert May was recommended by said committee to the said Edward Cocharne for the position of bridge tender on the Murray Canal; that Henry May, a member of said committee, and by its authority, called on him and told him that he was so recommended and exacted from him \$125 for such position, to be used for the purpose aforesaid; that on the recommendation of said committee the said Edward Cochrane recommended to the Government the said Robert May for said office; that said Robert May paid said money and received said office. His evidence on this point is as follows:—

"2731. Have you got an appointment on that canal?—Yes, sir.

2732. What appointment?—Bridge-keeper.

2733. When did you get that appointment?—In the year 1890."

"2736. Who told you that you had got the appointment?—Some member of the committee, I think it was Mr. Hugh McQuoid; I am not sure, however, whether he is the one.

2737. He told you of the appointment?—Yes, sir.

2738. And who else told you?—My brother Henry."

"2750. How much money did you pay?—\$125.

2751. To whom did you pay it?—To Henry May, my brother.

2752. What did you pay it to Mr. Henry May for?—(No answer.)

2753. Why did you pay it to Henry May?—To help to pay the debt against the Conservative party."

"2800. Was it not for the purpose of getting that position, sir?—Yes.

2801. How did you know that you would get that position if you paid \$125?—I did not know only from the committee.

2802. Then you knew from the committee that you would get that position if you paid the \$125?—They told me."

"2814. How was it you came so pay \$125?—(No answer.)

2815. Somebody must have suggested money to you?—Henry said the Conservative party was in debt, and each one must pay a certain amount.

2816. Each one of whom?—Each one of the bridge tenders. He said each was willing to pay, and I said I was willing to do the same.

2817. If you got the position?—Yes.

2818. Did you pay the money before or after getting the position?—Before it."

"2838. You are a labouring man then?—Yes.

2839. Before you got this office you were working for day's wages?—Yes.

2840. You are a married man?—Yes.

2841. Wife and family?—Yes.

2842. And before you got this office you were working for day's wages?—Yes.

2843. And you gave \$125 for the office and for the good of the Conservative party—the two things?—Yes.

2844. When before this had you given a contribution to the Conservative party?—I do not know as I ever did.

2845. How old are you?—Thirty.

2846. This was the first time you manifested your regard for the Conservative party in this substantial way?—Yes."

Henry May, a brother of said Robert May and one of said committee, swore as follows:—

"2885. How was it you asked your brother for \$125?—Mr. Stanley told me it was required—that he should pay some money."

"3020. And what did you tell him?—I told him (Cochrane) that Robert had got the appointment for the bridge."

"3023. And you told him that Robert had got the appointment?—Yes, sir.

3024. You mean by having got the appointment that he had been recommended by the committee?—Yes, sir.

3025. You don't mean that he had been recommended by the Government?—No, sir, I did not mean to tell him that.

3026. You did not mean to tell him he had been appointed by the Government, only that he had been recommended by the committee?—That is it.

3027. And was that not the reason why you saw Mr. Cochrane; to tell him that Robert had been recommended by the committee?—I saw him and told him."

18. That in or about the month of May, 1890, one J. D. Clouston was recommended to the Government for the position of bridge tender on the Murray Canal by the said Edward Cochrane; that the said Edward Cochrane knew when, he made said recommendation, that the said J. D. Clouston agreed to pay for said office to said committee the sum of \$150, and had paid thereon about \$100, to be used for the purpose aforesaid—that said J. D. Clouston did pay said sum—and on said recommendation of said Edward Cochrane received said appointment, and now holds the same. The evidence on oath of said J. D. Clouston touching the same is as follows:—

"1895. How much money did you pay when you got this appointment Mr. Clouston?—I think some \$70 or \$75.

1896. You paid \$70 or \$75?—I think, I would not be positive.

1897. To whom did you pay that money?—To Mr. W. W. Webb.

1898. Did you tell Mr. Webb that you were instructed to pay any moneys. Mr. Webb has been examined?—Instructed?

1899. Yes?—No, I had no idea I was instructed.

1900. What did you tell Mr. Webb as to the balance?—I told him I would pay the balance as I went along.

1901. You told him you would pay the balance as you could?—Yes, the balance. I took upon myself to pay a certain amount, and I told him I would pay the balance.

1902. How much did you take upon yourself to pay?—I took upon myself to pay \$150.

1903. To whom were you to pay that?—To W. W. Webb.

1904. Who told you to pay it to W. W. Webb?—I don't know that anybody told me to pay it particularly to W. W. Webb.

1905. You say nobody told you particularly to pay it to W. W. Webb?—Yes.

1906. How did you come to go to W. W. Webb?—Well, I was aware that he had a note that had to be arranged and settled up.”

“1932. You said it was on the 10th of May, 1889. When the appointment was promised you, Mr. Stanley told you to go to Mr. Webb, and in the conversation he told you also that the others were paying?—Yes.

1933. That was after the appointment was promised but before you received it?—Yes, before I was notified to fill it.

1934. After you had received the promise, but before you were appointed or directed to take charge?—Yes.

1935. From whom did you receive the promise?—From Mr. Edward Cochrane.

1936. The promise of the position which you ultimately got?—Yes.

1937. But if you received the promise from Mr. Cochrane, it was Mr. Stanley who directed you to go to Mr. Webb?—I say it was by conversation.”

“1950. Did you see Mr. Cochrane in regard to the appointment?—I was talking with him.

1951. You say you had a conversation with him?—Yes, sir.

1952. You had a conversation with Mr. Cochrane, the member of East Northumberland?—Yes, I say I had conversations with Mr. Cochrane.

1953. And what was said at that conversation, or at any one of the conversations you had with Mr. Cochrane?—I don't know.”

“1960. But you received the promise of an appointment from Mr. Cochrane?—Yes.”

“1982. What old indebtedness?—This old protest cost, run up there between Mr. James Ferris and William Wade.

1983. And what others?—Other bridge tenders.

1984. Mr. Cochrane told you—

1985. When he said to you that others were taking part in this old indebtedness, what others did he refer to?—I said that Cochrane may have said that others were taking part, and I think I said the others were bridge tenders.

1986. How much did he tell you the others were giving?—He may have said that they were giving \$150.

1987. Each?—Yes.”

“1992. You say he may have told you so on the occasion of that drive, that other bridgetenders were paying \$150. Do you believe now that he did tell you so, on your oath?—I believe he may have said so, as I said before.

1993. To the best of your recollection, you say he may have said that other bridge-tenders were giving \$150?—Yes.”

“2023. Did you pay anything?—I suppose I did.

2024. Do you swear you paid a farthing?—Yes, sir.

2025. When?—I think on two different occasions I gave a dollar.

2026. On two different occasions you subscribed a dollar on the reduction of this indebtedness?—Yes.”

“2032. Did you yourself contribute to the fund at that time?—Yes.

2033. How much?—I gave a dollar at that time.

2034. Was that the first time?—Yes.

2035. When was the next time?—The next time was when the protest was going on at Colborne.

2036. That is the Ferris protest?—Yes, the protest between Ferris and Wade.

2037. That is eight or nine years ago?—Yes. I think the other that I remember was when I saw Mr. Cochrane.

2038. Have you given anything since 1886 until you gave this generous donation of \$150?—I cannot tell when I paid that dollar.”

“2048. Who told you first you were to be appointed bridge tender?—I said Mr. Cochrane said there was a bridge for me.

2049. Mr. Cochrane was the first man that mentioned to you that you were going to be appointed?—Yes.”

"2090. I think you said that Mr. Cochrane told you that the other bridge-tenders were helping to pay the indebtedness?—Yes. I think he said so.

2091. Did he or did he not?—I think probably he did.

2092. And at the conversation he told you that you were going to be appointed a bridge-tender?—Yes.

2093. That took place when he told you that there was a bridge for you?—No. I think it was probably afterwards.

2094. Was it in the fall when you were driving back to Colborne that he told you that there was a bridge. Was that the time he told you that he had a bridge?—What time?"

"2136. Then you had no money to contribute until you got the promise of the bridge?—I don't know; I could not say.

2137. Was that the reason?—About."

19. That one other charge was referred to your Committee, namely, that one William Johnson paid \$200 corruptly to secure an appointment as bridge tender on said Canal; that said William Johnson, after said charge was made, left Canada for the United States, and that his attendance as a witness before said Committee could not be procured, and that it was resolved by said Committee that leave be given to withdraw said charge, and that it be considered as not made. Leave was accordingly so given.

20. That as respects the charge in which Henry May was concerned, no evidence was offered sustaining such charge, and that it was therefore not proved.

21. That the said C. D. Vanalstine corruptly paid the said James Stanley, in order to secure the office of tender of one of the bridges in said Canal, the money to be used as aforesaid; that the said money was returned to him because all the said positions had been disposed of. Mr. Vanalstine on his oath said:

"2245. With whom did you arrive at that sum? Whom did you talk to about the sum of \$150?—This man Stanley.

2246. Did he tell you that that was the amount of money each had to pay?—I am not certain about it.

2247. What did he tell you?—He asked me if I was willing to give \$150 to wipe the debt off, and I told him yes.

2248. The amount was fixed by him?—I could not say. He mentioned it.

2249. Did you then and there give him the money?—I told you before I gave him \$50 at that time, all I had.

2250. When did you pay the balance to him?—Some three or four days after; I did not note it down.

2251. You paid \$100 three or four days after that?—Yes; after that.

2252. And this, you say, was to go to pay off the party liability?—I understood it was to pay it off.

2253. You gave it solely with that end in view?—With the object of wiping off the protest indebtedness.

2254. With no other object?—With no other object.

2255. If that was your sole object, why did you let it go?—Other parties wanted the bridge, and they handed me my money back. I would be a fool if I had not taken it.

2256. You did not get the position?—No.

2257. And that is the reason why the money came back to you?—Yes."

22. That the said committee was organized for the express purpose of corruptly trafficking in said offices, and did corruptly sell and dispose of the same to Hedley Simpson, Wesley Goodrich, Robert May, Thomas Fitzgerald and J. D. Clouston, respectively, for a money consideration.

23. That said Edward Cochrane was aware of such corrupt sale and disposal of said offices, sanctioned the same and made his said recommendations with the knowledge that said offices were so sold and disposed of.

24. That the payment by the said Hedley Simpson of the said sum of \$200 directly relieved the said Edward Cochrane of just so much of the said Edward Cochrane's indebtedness on said note of \$619.69.

25. That the said Edward Cochrane did not present himself as a witness in his own behalf before your Committee, and did not pledge his oath to the incorrectness or falsehood of a single statement made before your Committee by any of the witnesses examined before them.

26. That all said appointees are poor men, although strong Conservatives: some of them never gave a cent for political purposes, and, of the rest, none gave more than \$3 each for such purposes for years prior to the payment of said sums.

27. That all the witnesses who appeared and gave evidence before your Committee, appeared to your Committee to be men of truth and desirous of speaking the truth, so far as they knew; and there does not appear to be any ground for doubting the credibility of any one of them.

28. That selling or disposing of offices for a money or other consideration is highly improper and reprehensible; and the parties shown to have been engaged in such a practice here should be proceeded against criminally.

All which is respectfully submitted, together with the evidence, exhibits and minutes of the proceedings.

The question being put on the amendment, the Committee divided, and the yeas and nays being called for, the names were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:—Messieurs Cameron (Huron), German and Mulock.—3.

NAYS:—Caron (Sir Adolphe), Messieurs Skinner and White (Shelburne).—3.

The yeas and nays being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment; which was thereby negatived.

The question then being put on the main motion, the Committee divided, and the yeas and nays being called for, the names were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:—Caron (Sir Adolphe), Messieurs Skinner and White (Shelburne).—3.

NAYS:—Messieurs Cameron (Huron), German and Mulock.—3.

The yeas and nays being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the main motion, which was thereby carried and *Ordered accordingly*.

Resolved, That the evidence, all the exhibits, the minutes of the proceedings, motions, and the report proposed in amendment by Mr. Cameron (Huron) to the motion proposed by Mr. Skinner, be submitted to the House with the Report of the Committee.

On motion of Sir Adolphe Caron, seconded by Mr. White (Shelburne), it was Ordered, That during the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Skinner do take the Chair.

The Committee then adjourned.

Attest,

N. ROBIDOUX,

Clerk of Committee.

(For the evidence accompanying this Report see Appendix to Journals, No. 4.)

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply yesterday, were reported, read the second time, and severally agreed to, and are as follows:—

XVI.—PUBLIC WORKS—CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.

HARBOURS AND RIVERS.

Ontario.

{ Kingston Harbour, Lake Ontario.....	5,400 00
{ Owen Sound.....	14,400 00
{ Port Hope—Repairs.....	4,500 00

	River Ottawa—Improvement of steamboat channel through Narrows at Petawawa, above Pembroke.....	1,350 00
	Belleville—To complete harbour works, the local authorities protecting the island with crib-work to the amount of \$6,000	3,510 00
	Toronto Harbour—Works at eastern and western entrance, the City of Toronto having contributed \$100,000.....	67,500 00
164	Little Current.....	9 000 00
	Southampton—To complete.....	1,350 00
	Meaford—Harbour works—the Town having contributed \$3,000	900 00
	Georgian Bay—Removal of Robertson Rocks in main passage between Clapperton and Croker's Island.....	2,250 00
	Beaverton Wharf—The local authorities furnishing \$1,500.....	4,500 00
	Thornbury—Dredging.....	2,700 00
	Parry Sound Narrows.....	5,400 00
	Goderich Harbour.....	900 00
	Rondeau Harbour—Repairs.....	3,150 00
	General repairs and improvements, harbours and rivers	9,000 00
149	Kingston Graving Dock.....	103,500 00

XVIII.—MAIL SUBSIDIES AND STEAMSHIP SUBVENTIONS.

185	For three lines of steamers running between the ports of Halifax and St. John, N.B., or either, and the West Indies and South America	82,400 00
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The House went into Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting subsidies in land to the Manitoba South-Western Colonization Railway Company, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and progress having been made and reported; the Committee obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Bill No. 169, further to amend the Act fifty-second Victoria, chapter four, intituled: "An Act to authorize the granting of subsidies in land to certain Railway Companies," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendments, and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

On motion of Sir John Thompson, the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Bill No. 146, further to amend "The Dominion Elections Act," was discharged, and the Bill recommitted to a Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

The Bill was then considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with further amendments, considered as amended, and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

PETER WHITE.

Speaker.

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