

him at any time to urge upon the men to vote for Mr. Moss, nor yet did he use his own influence to make them do so. Did not know whether the men employed by the contractors went to the nomination or not, and had nothing to do with Dickey, Neil & Company, except in so far as they had furnished a tank. Did not know anything about how their men did upon that occasion. He allowed his own men the half day at that nomination; went to the nomination himself, only knew about the men under his own supervision.

Mr. Wagner was then discharged.

Mr. GEORGE HELLAM, foreman at the Central Prison, called and sworn:—Had been over two years in the employment of the Government, and had been for sixteen years previously in the employment of Mr. Worthington, upon whose recommendation he had been appointed by Mr. McKellar. He had been sometimes receiving as high as \$5 per day when in Mr. Worthington's employment, and got \$3 when first engaged by the Government, soon afterwards got \$3 50, which he continued to be paid until September last, when on being appointed inspector and foreman both he received an advance to \$5. This was on account both of the increase in his work and the importance of his duties. He was empowered to employ and discharge men. He received instructions from Mr. Wagner to allow the men the half day on the West Toronto nomination day. The note from Mr. McKellar to Mr. Wagner came to the Central Prison by the hands of Mr. Dickey, and witness believed it was open. Witness gave instructions to the various foremen to let the men go, but said nothing about cheering for anybody. Took an active part in a general way on behalf of Mr. Moss upon that occasion; was present at the nomination; believed some of the men were there, but did not know exactly how many. Did not know how many of Dickey's men were there, and never had any conversation with Mr. Dickey with regard to the subject. Never knew of anybody canvassing the men upon the works, and was not aware that Mr. Moss had ever been within the grounds. When Mr. Moss addressed the men it was outside the grounds, and during the dinner hour; and the men were notified of his coming by a bill posted up on the walls. Witness was employed as foreman on the Asylum, under the contractor for those works, at the time of the Sandfield Macdonald Government. Was informed by a Mr. Andrew McCormack that Mr. Tully offered him (McCormack) and another named Foster, on the occasion of an election which then took place, a whole day's pay to go and vote for Mr. Harrison, and the money was paid them. Mr. Harrison and Mr. McDonald were then the candidates. It was therefore not the first time that men had been sent away to elections by a Government. He understood that men had been sent from the University and Music Hall in the same way while those works were going on. Mr. Tully was Government engineer on the Asylum.

Mr. SINCLAIR inquired whether the whole of the work at the Music Hall and the Asylum was let out by contract.

Mr. HELLAM said it was not. Mr. Lee, the clerk of the works at the Music Hall, did the carpenter work without contract, and he, of course, was the man responsible to the Government at the same time. (Hear, hear.)

In reply to Mr. CAMERON,

Witness went on to state the reasons why the wages were raised on the Central Prison when the Government took hold of it. The men struck because others were paid more.

By Mr. WOOD—The wages all over the city had increased even before that time.

Witness explained, in answer to various questions, that he had never been asked to give Mr. Bickford permission to go over the works. Mr. Bickford invited witness to his house the day he (Mr. Bickford) addressed the workmen. After having finished his address he came up and shook hands with witness—to whom he had never spoken before—and asked him to come to his house, where he had no doubt he would make him a convert. (Laughter.) Witness said he would go up after the election was over, but Mr. Bickford said it would be better if he could come before. (Laughter.)

Mr. HARDY—Did Mr. McKellar or any member of the Government, or Mr. Wagner instruct you or authorize you or induce you to coerce or interfere with the men in reference to their votes?

A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Did you use any means of coercion upon any of the men on the works?

A.—None, and there were men on the works who voted for Mr. Moss.

Q.—Did you discharge any man for voting for Mr. Bickford?

A.—No, never.

Q.—Did Mr. McKellar ever speak to you upon this subject?

A.—No; I never had any communication with him.

Witness further explained that he had canvassed for Mr. Moss after hours, and had now and again asked some of the men at the works how they were going to vote, just as he did with any other person. Being shown an account of Messrs. Dickey, Neill, & Company for work done in connection with the water-works at the Prison, witness stated that it was his name which was attached to it. He had at first refused to sign it, and after the account was altered to some extent, in consequence of some portion of the material specified in it having been sent to the Prison, he still refused to certify to anything except the quantities. He did not know anything about the time of the men, nor the value of the pieces, and told Mr. Tully so at the time. Mr. Tully seemed anxious that witness should sign it, and promised that he would see as to the value of the work and the time of the men himself. Witness had no means of knowing the correctness of the accounts in those particulars, and it probably lay over some four or six weeks before he signed it.

Mr. CAMERON—Mr. Tully said he would see as to the amount of the work and the time of the men?

A.—Yes.

The CHAIRMAN—Look at that account, and see whether he has carried out his promise.

A.—I see he has countersigned the account.

William Munro, Robert J. Roberts, and Wm Hutchinson, the men in the employment of Mr. Wagner who have access to his papers, were then consecutively called, and beyond the statement that they never saw the letter referred to, nor heard of it except through the *Mail* newspaper, there was nothing important brought out in their evidence.

Mr. Knifton, Mr. Melleville, and Mr. Foster were put down as witnesses for tomorrow, and the Committee adjourned at 1:30.