

Mr. MEREDITH cross-examined the witness with reference to his work in North Ontario, East Simcoe, and Muskoka. He asked the witness whether he was the bearer of a letter from a well-known prelate to the constituents of these ridings at the last general election. To which he replied, No, but I had a private letter addressed to me from the Archbishop, which was stolen from my pocket in Muskoka, together with my pocket-book, and the letter is now in the *Mail* office.

Mr. HARDY—By whom? A.—By the same Wilkinson and his gang. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. FRASER—What was Stimson's position in Ottawa? A.—I understood he was employed by the Government, but was afterwards employed by Sir Hugh Allan on a ranche in the North-West.

Mr. FRASER said he understood that Mr. Goldie, of Guelph, was here, and wished to appear before the Committee.

Mr. Thomas Goldie sworn.

By Mr. FRASER—Q.—Where do you reside? A.—Guelph.

Q.—Have seen in the newspapers copies of what purported to be letters and papers produced before the Committee? A.—Yes.

Q.—Have you recognised anyone as having been written by yourself? A.—Yes.

Q.—Which do you recognize? A.—The one dated from Guelph and written on telegraph paper.

Q.—Before writing that had you seen Wilkinson? A.—Yes.

Q.—Where had you see him? A.—In Guelph.

Q.—Did you send for him or did he come to you unsolicited? A.—I did not send for him, and had never seen or heard of him before.

Q.—Do you recollect what day it was that you saw him? A.—It was on the Saturday on which this letter was written.

Q.—Was there anybody with him? A.—No one.

Q.—What time did he reach Guelph? A.—About four o'clock in the afternoon; the train was about two hours late.

Q.—Did he tell you what he had come to see you about? A.—Yes.

Q.—What did he tell you he had come to see you about? A.—Yes; he—

Q.—What did he tell you? A.—He said he had heard of me frequently, and he said he was in hopes of defeating the Mowat Administration and forming a coalition Government, as a number of the friends of the Government were dissatisfied. He asked me to see Mr. Laidlaw to see how his feelings were.

Q.—How long were you with him? A.—About 20 minutes.

Q.—Did he mention that he had any encouragement, to proceed in the matter? A.—No, sir.

Q.—How did he come to mention Bunting's name? A.—Wilkinson in the course of his conversation spoke about Bunting; I cannot remember what he said.

Q.—Did he tell you that he was endeavouring to bring about a coalition Government? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did he say he was consulting with Mr. Bunting? A.—No; he said I could give my answer to him or Bunting.

Q.—That an answer to him or Mr. Bunting would be satisfactory? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did he tell you that he had seen Mr. Bunting before he had come to see you? A.—No.

Q.—Did you have any communication with him subsequently? A.—No.

Q.—Did you come down to Toronto as mentioned in the letter? A.—Yes.

Q.—How long did you stay here? A.—All Tuesday night.

Q.—You came down on Monday night? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you see Wilkinson? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did he tell you what was going on in connection with this business? A.—No.

Q.—Has he said that he had hopes of success? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did he tell you that negotiations were going on with any member supporting the Government? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did he indicate what sort of means he expected to use? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did he indicate that he expected to use money? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did he tell you how much it would cost