

to get members to support the coalition? A.—He only mentioned one.

Q.—Did he say who the man was? A.—No.

Q.—Did he lead you to believe that he expected some money? A.—He did not say so.

Q.—Did he tell you about offices in the Northwest? A.—He mentioned one.

Q.—Who was present at that interview with Wilkinson? A.—No one.

Q.—Where was it held? A.—In his room at the Walker House.

Q.—How long did you talk with him? A.—I don't think more than ten or fifteen minutes.

Q.—Didn't you, as the result of the interview, gather that he was using corrupt means to influence members to vote against the Government? A.—In one case.

Q.—Did he tell you anything about this man Kirkland? A.—No; he never mentioned him at all.

Q.—Have you seen Wilkinson in Guelph since? A.—No; I have only seen him twice.

Q.—Did he make you aware either directly or indirectly who were the members of the Government side who were going to vote against the Administration, and how it was to be effected? A.—He told me that an effort was to be made to defeat the Government on the Algoma question.

Q.—What did he mean? Did he mean about timber matters? A.—He mentioned telegrams.

Q.—You saw Mr. Laidlaw at Wilkinson's suggestion. A.—Not at his suggestion.

Q.—You saw him before you wrote the letter in reference to the interview? A.—Yes.

Q.—What was the result of the interview? A.—I found him, as I knew him already to be, honestly supporting the Government, though I never tried him; I didn't mean to try him at all; I repudiated the whole thing from the beginning.

Q.—Did you learn from Wilkinson that he wanted some one to see Laidlaw with a corrupt offer? A.—He wished me to see him to see how he felt.

Q.—What did he suggest as the means? A.—He wished me to see how he felt and report.

Q.—Did he leave Guelph that night? A.—No; I think he stayed.

Q.—Do you know anything about a note to be placed in your hands? A.—No.

Q.—Did you ever hear of a note or envelope to be placed in your hands? A.—No.

Q.—Or in the hands of anyone in Guelph? A.—No.

Q.—Have you ever stated to your friends that the Mowat Government would shortly be defeated? A.—In my house I said so in a jocular way to my friends.

Q.—Did you lead your friends to understand that members of the House were being induced to vote against the Government? A.—No.

Q.—Had you any information that members of the House were going to vote against the Government? A.—Wilkinson told me so.

Q.—Why did you say in your letter that you would like to see both Bunting and Wilkinson on Tuesday before seeing him? A.—I thought it was desirable to see Bunting and Wilkinson in order that I might wash my hands of the whole business.

Q.—You wanted to do this in the presence of Bunting and Wilkinson? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you see Bunting at all at any time? A.—I have been in the habit of seeing him at Guelph?

Q.—Did you see him in Toronto that time you came down? A.—Yes.

Q.—You came down then to discuss the matter with him? A.—No.

Q.—Did you say anything about it? A.—I spoke about Laidlaw.

Q.—Did you tell him about Wilkinson? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you tell him the result of the interview with Wilkinson? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you tell him that Wilkinson had seen you at Guelph? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you tell him what was the character of the interview? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you tell him you wanted to wash your hands of the whole affair? A.—Yes.

Q.—You thought the whole disreputable? A.—Yes.

Q.—You thought that the thing was one that no honest man would engage in? A.—Yes.

Q.—This would be on Wednesday afternoon; A.—Yes.

Q.—Have you seen him since? A.—I saw him again last night.

Q.—Where? A.—At the Queen's Hotel.

Q.—Have you seen him in the interval? A.—No.

Q.—Have you had any communication with him? A.—No.

Q.—Either by letter or by message?