

He again promised that Lyon's protest would be dropped. Last week

WILKINSON FINALLY AGREED TO PAY

the \$500 cash in hand, and that I was to get the office and \$500 more cash in May. He asked me into his room in the hotel, and introduced me to a Mr. Lynch, of Michigan, and left me with him, saying we could do our own business. Then Lynch asked me if I knew Mr. Meek. I said I did. He said Meek was his solicitor, and showed me a large envelope, and he read what was written in it, something about a bet with me about Dowling voting, and he took out a large roll of bills from the envelope, of which one was a \$100 bill, and he said I could count it and put the money back in the envelope and seal it, and he would leave it with Meek to be paid over after the vote. I told him I would only take the cash, and our interview ended. Kirkland afterwards on the same day asked me if I would take \$750 cash from Wilkinson, but I refused it. On Saturday, 15th inst., Wilkinson came back and told me he would give me \$1,000 if I would trust him for the other \$500. The \$1,000 he was to give me that night, but he did not. Next day, 16th March, between 12 and 1 o'clock, Wilkinson came to my room and told me to come to his room and he would pay me. I went down and in his room he handed me a roll of bills and told me to count them, which I did. There were ten \$100 bills on the Bank of British North America. He produced a round robin pledging me to vote against the Mowat Government and to support the coalition. I signed it. I then took the money straight to Balfour's room and asked him to count it, which he did. Immediately after dinner I went to find the Speaker, but found he had gone home. Then I found three members of the Government and told them I had got \$1,000 from Wilkinson, and asked them what I was to do with the money. They advised me to place it in an envelope addressed to the Speaker not to be opened until the Attorney-General requested it. I did so, and gave it to the Speaker on his return on the 17th inst. Wilkinson told me that Meredith would not move the amendment on motion to go into Committee of Supply on the Government timber policy until there were enough supporters got to defeat the Government. He said from time to time that the amendment would not be moved on such and such days, mentioning different days of the week, as the matter was postponed from time to time. On Saturday or Sunday he told me the amendment would likely come up on Monday. Almost every day during our negotiations Wilkinson told me that he had been at a caucus. On one occasion he told me that when they undertook anything of this kind

THEY WOULD SWEAR IT THROUGH.

On another occasion he always said it was cheaper to spend money in buying members after they were elected than spending a lot of money at elections, and running the risk of being defeated.

By Mr. MORRIS—When did the negotiations commence? A.—About the beginning of the session.

Q.—During the progress of the session you continued in consultation with him? A.—Yes, while he remained in Toronto.

Q.—How long after the commencement were negotiations began? A.—It was not very long; my impression was that the first definite offer was made about the second week; we met in the middle of one week and it was made in the next week.

Q.—What member of the Government did you communicate with? A.—The Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Q.—You advised with him with regard to the matter? A.—Yes. I talked over the matter with him.

Q.—Did you discuss with him the course you should take? A.—I told him about it.

Q.—Did you consult with him as to what course you should take? A.—I told him of the offer of \$500 and the registrarship of Edmonton and that my expenses were to be paid from Winnipeg to Edmonton. I did not ask his advice.

Q.—Did you advise with him? A.—He told me to go on.

Q.—And you continued to report to him from time to time? A.—Yes.

Q.—What other members did you report to? A.—Mr. Fraser and Mr. Hardy. They were acquainted with the matter.

Mr. FRASER—I assume the full responsibility of having advised Mr. McKim to go on with the negotiations. For my part, I am perfectly willing that it should be known that I advised Mr. McKim to entrap the men, as I would have entrapped them myself if they had attempted the