

same corrupt offer to me. I am quite willing to defend my conduct anywhere.

Mr. MEREDITH cross-examined the witness with regard to the statement which he had made, which was in writing.

Mr. McKIM stated that the statement was dictated to a shorthand writer, and no person was present but the shorthand writer when it was done.

Mr. McKIM said, in reply to Mr. Meredith, that having heard the witness describe Stimson he had no doubt the man was identical with the Lynch who gave him the money.

Alex. Craig, clerk in the Rossin House, said he recollected Kirkland.

Q.—Do you know Mr. Marks? A.—No, not personally. I cannot say that I have seen him at the Rossin House to identify him.

Q.—Did two men at any one time call to see Kirkland? A.—Yes; two gentlemen came in and asked to see Mr. Kirkland; I gave one of the cards to a bell-boy to send up to Mr. Kirkland's room, but the boy returned with the card and said he was not in. When Mr. Kirkland returned he asked if any person had called to see him. I told him that two gentlemen had called. He asked who they were, and the boy said the name looked something like "Lyons" or "Lynch." Kirkland then said, "O, that was Mr. Lynch." He said, "If he calls again, tell him that I want to see him particularly and that I have gone to the Parliament House." I cannot identify the men, as I did not take particular notice of them. I don't know whether I could even identify Mr. Kirkland.

The Committee then adjourned till 11 o'clock to-day.

APPLICATION FOR BAIL.

The application to admit J. A. Wilkinson and Frank S. Kirkland to bail came up before Mr. Justice Galt in Chambers at Osgoode Hall yesterday morning.

Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Neville appeared for Wilkinson, Mr. Caswell for Kirkland, and Mr. Fenton for the Crown.

Affidavits from Wilkinson and Kirkland were read, setting forth copies of the information against them. Kirkland's affidavit further went on to allege that he had property within the jurisdiction of this Court, and that the money he had paid Mr. McKim was paid for services rendered in converting members of the House to Kirkland's timber limits policy.

Mr. Neville contended that the Police Magistrate was wrong in refusing bail. The charge made was that of committing a misdemeanour only, and the magistrate must allow bail in all misdemeanours. Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Caswell also addressed His Lordship. Mr. Fenton argued that the case was not yet developed. There was nothing here to show what was the real charge against these men except their own affidavits. If we had here in Court the return to a *certiorari*, we should have something to go on; as it is we have nothing.

His Lordship—I think it is unjust that these men should be kept in gaol and I must admit them to bail. I shall make the bail heavy—very substantial—the prisoners themselves in \$4,000 each, and for each of them two sureties in \$2,000 each.

The following is the substance of the affidavit made by Kirkland and filed by counsel in his behalf:—

"I never in my life met Edward Meek, mentioned in the said information, previous to appearing at the Police Court yesterday, and have only met C. W. Bunting three or four times, and I have met John W. Wilkinson quite a number of times, and Lynch also I have never met, and do not know him. I have never entered into any conspiracy with the said John A. Wilkinson, C. W. Bunting, E. Meek, or any person or persons for any such or similar purposes to those mentioned in said information, or for, as I believe, any improper purpose whatever, and I court the fullest investigation possible. I came to this city about the 23rd January last, having previously purchased 10,500 acres of land from the Ontario Government, and I came with the object of trying to induce the Commissioner of Crown Lands to change his mode of disposing of mining lands, so that at an advanced price the timber should be sold along with the soil, and not reserved as in my patents. I visited the Commissioner and several members of the Parliament to urge them to try and induce the Commissioner or the Government to change its plan of selling these lands as above indicated. I was satisfied, and am yet, that the said change would be for the better of that part of the Province.

"I have never given a single dollar or any larger sum of money to any member of the Ontario Parliament for any purpose whatever, since I came here, or before, and I never offered to pay money to any one of them. I have been asked by Mr. McKim for money to pay him for his services that he alleged he had rendered on my behalf, in explaining to other members of the Legislature the policy that I considered best in the interest of the country in dealing with the lands west of Lake Superior; that is to say, I held the view that lands west of Lake Superior should be sold at a fixed price, giving the purchaser the right to the standing timber upon the lands, and that this would materially facilitate occupation and development. Mr. McKim from time to time reported to me that he induced several members on the Reform side to adopt these views, and that they would all vote against the Government if the matter was brought up and the Government refused to adopt this policy, and it was for this service that the said McKim