

chaser 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 repeatedly requested me to pay him money, but I always declined to pay him money until he succeeded in getting this policy to prevail.

"I never at any time endeavoured to corrupt any member of the Legislature, and in all my interviews with members I merely endeavoured to convince them that the timber should be sold with the land on the Lake Superior country."

MR. F. STIMSON (LYNCH?).

Mr. Fred. Stimson hails from the Eastern Townships, and is an intimate friend and neighbour and at times the confidential agent of the Hon. J. H. Pope. In his own locality he was known as a farmer and cattle fancier of some standing, and has for some years back been regarded as particularly influential at Ottawa. Anyone looking over the map of the ranching lands of the North-West Territory will see that Mr. Stimson has been very kindly dealt with, as his name appears there as lessee of several large and very desirable ranches. As early as the autumn of 1882 he had upon his High River ranche a herd of some 3,000 first-class Montana and Oregon cattle, and an old stockman says he is there regarded as one of the very few of the new comers likely to conduct his ranche on business principles and succeed. In proof of this it is pointed out that while the Cochrane Company lost very heavily in the winter of 1882-3 Stimson hardly lost a "hoof." Stimson is very popular with some of the "old timers" in the High River district, and his particular and chosen friend and adviser among these is a Mr. Lynch, who was one of the first to bring Montana cattle into that region. That the real Mr. Lynch, who knows much more about "sticking" a bucking broncho or "roping" a wild steer than about doing dirty work for the Dominion Government should be identical with the Lynch that is so discreditably mixed up with the Macpherson-Wilkinson-Bunting conspiracy appears extremely improbable, but that Mr. Stimson should so far forget himself as to hide his identity behind an *alias* borrowed from his intimate friend and old neighbour in High River appears quite within the range of probability. Mr. Stimson was in Ottawa a few days ago, about the same time that Wilkinson and Bunting are said to have been there. He left Ottawa to come to Toronto.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. R. G. PETERS.

MANISTEQUEN, Mich., March 20.—A Detroit *News* correspondent has interviewed Mr. R. G. Peters at his mills at East Lake. He says he is a partner of Mr. Kirkland in certain tracts of pine land in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Canada. Mr. Peters furnished the money, and Mr. Kirkland looked up the land and received a share of the profits. This is not the only way in which Mr. Peters is interested with Mr. Kirkland. Mr. Peters says Mr. Kirkland had no authority to act in any matter in which he (Mr. Peters) was interested without first consulting him, and emphatically denies ever writing the letter authorizing Mr. Kirkland to use \$10,000 or any other sum to influence legislation, presumably for obtaining certain pine lands.

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