

the defendant's offer I told Mr. Hardy—
Dr. McMichael—Never mind what you told Mr. Hardy; was this the first time you agreed to accept the money? A.—Well, I did not want to go any further in the matter. He rose the money to \$1,000 and I would not accept the money. He then went away and came back and said that he had attended a meeting, and they had agreed to give him \$2,000. I agreed then to accept this offer. I said I would accept the \$2,000.

Q.—How do you account for that part of your evidence in which you said after accepting the \$2,000 they had a note for \$2,000 ready for you? A.—When I refused to accept the \$2,000 it was agreed that there would be a note given by Mr. Bunting that I would get the office.

Q.—Did you ever express any indignation when these offers were made to you? A.—I think not.

Q.—How soon after did you report to the Government of the attempted bribery? A.—Almost immediately after.

Q.—Then you were in the employ of the Government? A.—I went to tell Mr. Pardee that I had been offered \$2,000 to vote against the Government.

Q.—Did he express any indignation? A.—He expressed some surprise.

Q.—Did he offer you anything or promise you anything for giving up this offer made you? A.—He did not make me any offer directly or indirectly.

Q.—Did you intend to break faith with the men who attempted to bribe you? A.—I certainly did intend to break faith with them. I thought I would encourage them to go on.

Some discussion then ensued on the employment of an informer, and Mr. Deason said it was a perfectly correct thing to do. He had always held that the employment of a whiskey informer was perfectly legitimate, and that it was the proper thing to do.

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Dr. McMichael to the witness—Did they ask you to betray your party? A.—They did ask me, and they were to pay me for that purpose. I intended to vote with the Government, and I intended to hand over that money.

Q.—If you had got \$5,000 would you have handed it over to the Government? A.—Yes, and if I had got \$100,000 from them I would have handed it over to the Government. I wanted to see how far they would go, and if I could watch them.

Q.—When did you tell the Government that you had got the offer? A.—I believe it was the same day. I told Mr. Pardee that he had better look out, for they were trying to buy up supporters of the Government. Mr. Pardee then told me to go on and see how far they would go. I had another object in this matter. I was not content with the security of Mr. Meek. I did not like the appearance of his face, and I wanted to see Mr. Bunting.

Dr. McMichael—I am afraid you intended to use Mr. Bunting's signature. A.—Yes, I did intend to use it as I did that which I got from the others.

Q.—\$500 was not enough, then? A.—No.

Q.—The next offer was \$1,000, and you did not think it enough? A.—No.

Q.—Finally they offered you \$2,000, and you accepted that as your price? A.—If you like to put it that way.

WHAT KIRKLAND SAID.

By Mr. Alex. Cameron—I am not quite sure whether I introduced Mr. Kirkland to Mr. Wilkinson. I met Mr. Kirkland first, and he spoke of his timber limits, and that he had several thousand acres from the Canadian Government. He had the land without the timber, and wished for the timber also. He said he was prepared to pay as much for the timber as any one else. I promised to speak to Mr. Pardee about it and assist him to the best of my ability. I believe that Mr. Kirkland's sole idea was to get possession of the timber and that he did not care whether he got it from one party or the other.

Mr. Cameron—Just so; that is exactly what we say.

Mr. Denison—Did you get any admission from Kirkland that he knew anything of what the other defendants were doing? A.—He made no such distinct admission.

By Mr. McMaster—I got the money before I signed the round-robin. I went immediately to Mr. Balfour's room and said Mr. Wilkinson wanted him. I do not believe I asked him to sign the round-robin. I did not look at the matter as a joke from the beginning. My object was to get all the proof I could. Mr. Wilkinson made the appointment for me to see Mr. Bunting. I cannot swear that Mr. Bunting had asked to see me; I only know what Wilkinson told me. When I met Mr. Bunting at the house, it was I who suggested we should walk out.

Q.—I believe, Mr. McKim, you are known as rather a mild politician. A.—I believe my history will speak for itself.

Q.—But is it not a fact that you once said you would vote against Mr. John Sandfield Macdonald's Government? A.—I did once say so.

Q.—And you admit, do you not, that you were being used as an informer by the Ministers with a view to entrapping some of the defendants into the alleged conspiracy? A.—I admit that I had interviews with the defendants I have named, and reported to the Ministers.

Q.—Did you speak to Mr. Mowat at all? A.—I never spoke to Mr. Mowat until the disclosure

took place in the House.

AN HONOURABLE RECORD.

Mr. Murphy—You have been in the House a long time have you not and have never been rewarded? A.—I don't understand you.

Q.—Did you never look for any reward for your long services? A.—I applied once for a registry office in Guelph and also in Dufferin. I was not in the House when I applied for the Guelph registrarship, but not for the other. I never applied for anything from the Sandfield Macdonald Government. At the election of 1871, when we came back, we were pretty equally divided, and several parties came to me at this time and offered to place at my disposal the North Wellington registrarship if I would vote against Sandfield Macdonald. I refused the offer, and should have thought that refusal would have been sufficient to have prevented my being again approached in this way. But I suppose they thought my recent financial difficulties were such as to make me listen to them.

Q.—Did you ever get any Government lands? A.—No.

Q.—You had a good deal to do with the lands up in Wellington in regard to getting the prices lowered, and in getting out deeds, etc.? A.—I have had a great deal to do during the last seven years with the lands belonging to the settlers, in getting out deeds, etc.

Q.—Were you ever accused of not using your exertions properly to get the price of the lands lowered? A.—The case was this—

Mr. Murphy—I am asking you a question, and don't wish you to make a speech.

Mr. Denison—If you ask the witness an ambiguous question you must allow him to give an answer in his own way. There are some questions that cannot be answered with a simple "yes" or "no."

Mr. McKim then briefly explained that a man named Boyd had handed a document to Mr. Murphy at the time of their political contest in the recent Local campaign, containing a statement of the amount due on land owned by Mr. Boyd. I got the statement of the amount due, forwarded it to the proper authorities, and had nothing else to do with it.

Q.—Were you never accused of keeping money belonging to the township? A.—Yes; but I produced documents containing evidence that the money had been paid over.

Q.—How soon after you had spoken to the first of the defendants did you speak to Mr. Pardee? A.—Immediately after I had received a definite offer.

Q.—How long had negotiations been going on before you spoke to Mr. Pardee about the matter? A.—I can't exactly remember, but I think about a week.

Q.—Did you speak to Mr. Balfour or any of the other members before you spoke to Mr. Pardee? A.—To no one.

Q.—Was it in consequence of what Mr. Pardee said that you spoke to the other members of the House? A.—No.

Q.—Did anybody else speak to you to induce you to go to any of the other members of the House? A.—No.

The same question was repeated in different forms two or three times, and replied to in the negative each time.

ATTEMPT TO BROWBEAT WITNESS.

Q.—Was it in consequence of what was said by any member of the Government or of Parliament on your own side of the House that you spoke to Mr. Lyon? A.—Not up to that time. Mr. Wilkinson—

Mr. Murphy—I will not allow you to answer my questions in this way.

Mr. Denison—You must.

Q.—Did anyone suggest Mr. Lyon to you besides Mr. Wilkinson? A.—No.

Q.—Did you go to Mr. Lyon before going to Mr. Pardee? A.—No.

Q.—On your first interview with Mr. Lyon did you tell him about the proposed withdrawal of his petition if he would vote against the Government? A.—We spoke about the withdrawal of the petition on several occasions.

Q.—How many conversations had you with him before you disclosed that you were in treaty with parties whom you proposed to desert? A.—I cannot remember.

Q.—Do you know if Mr. Lyon spoke of you as

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and that it was after that you went to Mr. Pardee on this affair? A.—I do not.

Mr. Denison—When you spoke to Mr. Pardee had you had any conversation with Mr. Lyon about the withdrawal of the petition? A.—No.

Mr. Murphy—Did you tell Mr. Lyon anything about your conversation with Mr. Pardee? A.—I can't remember.

Q.—Did you tell him what was to be done if the petition was withdrawn? A.—I told him of the proposition that Mr. Wilkinson had made me—that if he would support the Opposition his petition would be withdrawn.

Q.—Did Mr. Lyon falter in his allegiance at all? A.—He said he would vote against the Government on the timber question, but if it came to a vote of want of confidence he would not vote against them.

Q.—Then when you told Mr. Wilkinson that you thought Lyon would vote against the Government if the petition was withdrawn were you telling him what you believed to be true or false? A.—I said he would vote against the Government on the timber question.

Q.—The round robin shows that it was not the