

any others at first.

Q.—When did he mention about the others?
A.—It was at the second or third interview that he mentioned the others.

Q.—Who was spoken of as working with him?
A.—He said there were other parties working to secure the defeat of the Government and he wanted to know my price.

Q.—Who did he mention? A.—I will not swear positively that he mentioned Wilkinson's name. He said that Mr. Bunting and Mr. Wilkinson had an interview that midnight in regard to the change of the Government policy.

Q.—What was the price you asked him? A.—I told him he had not money enough in Toronto to buy me. He seemed somewhat suspicious of me after this. I never had an interview with Mr. Kirkland outside the Walker House. I never went to Mr. Kirkland's room at the Rossin. I think I have given you the substance of all the interviews with Kirkland. I had an interview with Wilkinson on Friday, the 13th or 14th, at his room. He showed me a paper he had drawn up, which he asked me to sign. It was to the effect that we, the undersigned, believed it would be for the advantage of the Province to have a Coalition Government, and that in order to bring about this end we promised to vote against the Government until the end of the session. He told me that Dr. Dukes, Registrar of Regina, was doing his work unsatisfactorily, and that if I would apply for the position he would be able to secure it for me. I told him I would not sign.

Q.—Did you see him afterwards? A.—The same evening close to my room in the hotel. He asked me if I would see Bunting if he arranged a meeting. I consented, and he said he would arrange an interview for ten o'clock next morning in the Mail building. I consented, but when next morning came I was busy and not anxious to go, and so did not keep my appointment. On Sunday Mr. Wilkinson came into my room while I was lying in bed and

ASKED ME HOW I FELT.

He said he was prepared to close the matter up then and there if I would sign, but I refused to sign.

Q.—When did you see Wilkinson again? A.—On the Monday Mr. Lyon told me that Mr. Wilkinson wished to speak to me. This was about half-past two in the afternoon. I went to Mr. Wilkinson's room, and he said that what he wanted me to do was to assist in the overthrow of the Government, that the matter of the Government's defeat was assured, and he was prepared to carry out the arrangement Mr. Kirkland had made with me. He said they had taken Kirkland into this matter for his own sake, although he had no money; he understood Kirkland had made various promises, but could not carry them out because he had no money. He said he understood that Mr. Kirkland had offered to give me \$1,200, and he would now pay me \$600 down if I would sign the document and \$600 after the Government was defeated. I asked him if this was the original agreement, and after some argument he increased the sum offered to \$800 down and \$700 as soon as the Government was defeated. He said they would have had no reserve money at all if it had not been for Kirkland; the money was not given to buy me; they were not in the habit of buying members; the money was

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that I should get the office they had promised me. He then took out eight \$100 bills on the British North America Bank, and gave them to me. I then left the room, Mr. Wilkinson rubbing his hands as if with glee at what he had done. I went down to the House, and told the Hon. Mr. Mowat what I had done.

Mr. Denison—Was anything said about returning the guarantee fund when you had the office? A.—Nothing was said on that subject.

Cross-examined by Dr. McMichael.

Q.—Mr. Kirkland is a stranger here? A.—Yes.

Q.—He wished to pay you in a legitimate way for your services in assisting him to change the timber policy? A.—He could not pay me legitimately for doing anything of the kind.

Q.—He did not care what Government favoured his policy? A.—I believe not.

Q.—Did Mr. Kirkland give you any article to print for him concerning the lumber regions? A.—No.

Cross-examined by Mr. Murphy.

Q.—You spoke of shrievalties in the North-West. Do you know that there are no such vacant shrievalties? A.—I only know what Mr. Wilkinson told me, and also that Mr. Chapleau was recently appointed to a shrievalty in the North-West. Mr. Wilkinson said he was anxious to become a North-West sheriff.

Q.—When he spoke of the Dominion Government advertising in your paper, did he say he could secure you such advertising or would use his influence in doing so? A.—He spoke as though he had the means of securing such advertising for me and he certainly conveyed such an impression to me.

Q.—Is it not a usual thing for a Government to give advertising to such papers as support its policy? A.—I have never been in a position to get any such advertising, but I believe it is as you say. I have had advertising only when local matters have been concerned.

Q.—Did any of your interviews with Wilkinson take place outside of Wilkinson's room? A.—One took place in my room, as I have mentioned,

and another on the stairs outside my room.

Q.—How many interviews took place in Wilkinson's room? A.—Three.

Q.—Then in the majority of the interviews you went to Wilkinson's room? A.—Yes, at his request.

Q.—Who conveyed this request? A.—Mr. McKim and Mr. Lyon.

Q.—Mr. Harcourt never asked you to see Mr. Wilkinson? A.—No.

Q.—Who asked you to see Bunting? A.—Wilkinson.

Q.—What was the object of this? A.—Wilkinson said Bunting was interested in the matter.

Q.—Was it not merely for you to report to Bunting that you would support the Opposition and that Mr. Harcourt could depend upon you? A.—I think not, but this may have been mentioned in the contract?

Q.—To whom in the Ministry did you speak first of the conversations with Wilkinson? A.—To Mr. Pardee.

Q.—More than one conversation between you and Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Lyon had then taken place? A.—Yes.

Q.—When you went to Mr. Pardee had you found that Mr. McKim, or Mr. Lyon, or any other members who had been talking with Wilkinson, were getting afraid of being found out? A.—I had not found out this; but I had told them at first that as soon as I had any money placed in my hands I should go to the Speaker with it.

Q.—And what of Mr. Lyon? A.—Mr. Lyon agreed with Mr. Kirkland's timber policy.

Q.—Did any member of the Government speak to you before Mr. McKim? A.—Mr. McKim only came to me after I had spoken to the members of the Government. He told me that Kirkland was trying to get some of the Government party to support his timber policy, and said that as soon as he had

ANY MONEY PLACED IN HIS HANDS

he would put it in the hands of the Speaker.

Q.—Did any member speak to you about this matter before you met Wilkinson? A.—No.

Q.—Do you know a man named Lynch? Was the name mentioned to you by any member of the Government? A.—Lynch was pointed out to me by Mr. McKim as one of the men whom they had here to help in working out their scheme. I mentioned his name to Mr. Fraser.

Q.—It was not Mr. Fraser who mentioned his name to you? A.—No.

Q.—When Mr. McKim pointed out Lynch to you it was after he knew you were not going to enter into the conspiracy? A.—I think we were sitting on a sofa at the Walker House talking of the matter when he pointed out Lynch to me.

Q.—When Mr. McKim came to ask you to see Wilkinson did he say what the reason was? A.—I told him that I knew what business Wilkinson was engaged in.

Q.—Had Mr. McKim gone to any members of the Government before this? A.—He has told you himself that he went as soon as he had received some money, which was some time before I had been approached at all.

Mr. Denison said this was certainly the case.

Q.—Had you been approached, or had you arranged with anybody that an offer should be submitted to you? A.—Mr. Lyon told me that Kirkland was prepared to pay for the work he wished to be done.

Q.—Mr. Lyon seemed sincere? A.—Yes; he wanted Mr. Kirkland's timber policy adopted.

Q.—Did Mr. McKim say Mr. Wilkinson was prepared to make you an offer? A.—He intimated such to me.

Q.—And knowing this you consented to seeing Mr. Wilkinson? Did you go to Mr. Wilkinson's room for the purpose of having the offer made you? A.—I went there understanding that an offer would be made.

Q.—Did any of the members of the Government know that the offer would be made you? A.—Yes; they told me to go and let us see how far they would go in trying to bribe us.

Q.—Then there was a settled plan between you and the members of the Government to let these parties come to you and bribe you? A.—I had communication with all the members of the Government and they agreed that we should let the matter go on and see how far they would go

IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO BRIBE US.

Q.—You were told to let them bribe you? A.—No; I was not told to let them bribe me, because I did not intend to allow them to bribe me.

Q.—Are you aware that it is an offence against the law for a member of Parliament to receive a bribe? A.—I presume a member of Parliament who accepted a bribe would be amenable to the law.

Q.—Did you understand that you were to convey to Mr. Harcourt the idea that you would support him if he went over from the Government to the Opposition? A.—I sheltered myself behind this—that if Mr. Harcourt went over to the Opposition I would do so also; I had known Mr. Harcourt for years, and knew he would not change sides.

Q.—Did you pledge your word of honour that you would not mention Mr. Harcourt's name to any one; that his name should not be brought into the affair at all? A.—Mr. Wilkinson wanted me to do so; I did not promise, but I may have given him the impression