

Sullivan, who also broached the subject of my protest, and said he understood they would disqualify me, and I told him that that was utterly impossible, as I had done nothing by which they could disqualify me, and he remarked that evidence sometimes could be colored, altered and bought, and that he believed they were determined to disqualify me. He would, he said, if he were me, resign rather than face a trial. I told him that his father had spoken that way, and I wondered why they were speaking thus. He said only as a friend, as he had known me a long time, and he felt sorry that I would be disqualified. "Why," he said, "that could be arranged; a good thing could be made out of it, and the trial avoided." I asked him how, and he said, after some further conversation, that \$5,000 in cash could be got, and lots of chances of more later on, as the Government must have more support. I replied that I thought that that was impossible, as no man could leave either side now, and the Government would ruin themselves by dealing with anyone while it was so close, and I told him I did not believe that they would do so. He replied that he could soon convince me, and if I would stay over a couple of days he would prove it. I decided to see what they would do, and on my return to Gore Bay I would lay the whole matter before some Conservative friends.

Would Not Mention Money.

About Tuesday, August 12th, Frank came to me and said a prominent Liberal lawyer of the city would be up in his father's room at the Walker House, and that I should go to the room, giving me the number. He told me no mention would be made of money, but that the lawyer would talk of a stock proposition by which my profits would realize \$3,000 in six weeks or less, and \$2,000 after the first session of the House. I went to the room, and Frank and the lawyer were there. I will not mention the lawyer's name today, but he is prominent in the Liberal ranks. The lawyer said he understood Frank and I had spoken of a stock company in which I could make \$3,000 in cash in six weeks, and \$2,000 towards spring, and I said we had. He said it could be arranged, he thought, but no mention was made in his presence of supporting the Government, and no question of trial was spoken of. We only had a short talk, and he went out, and I have never heard of him in any way since in the deal. Frank and I agreed then if anything was done each should take half.

Hatching the Project.

During that trip I also saw D. A. Jones of Beeton, who seemed to be authorized to deal with me. He also suggested that the Government were

stated him, because he was the only executive officer in Gore Bay, whether to tell what had been then done or not, but we came to the conclusion that I should go on and get some evidence that we could prove, and see how far they would go, and whatever we did would be told on the floor of the House, and absolutely no one would know before.

We decided that I would have to give the Government evidence that I really meant to go with them, and only by fully convincing them could we hope to get any evidence or attach any of the Cabinet. So far we had no evidence against anyone in authority. Nothing more was done or said until about August 19th, when I received a letter from D. A. Jones of Beeton, as follows:—

"In accordance with our conversation, I saw the present acting manager and talked over our arrangement, and I explained the whole matter as arranged between us. It was entirely satisfactory, and steps will be taken to carry out the deal fully, and I am now prepared to say that you will receive better treatment than you expected. You will be given certain powers that will place you in a position that you could not otherwise occupy, and I will assist you, so no other will dare to oppose you with any chance of success.

To Pull Together.

"In the meantime be shaping things and paving the way. You know how to manoeuvre, and I will be fixing things here for you. I wish you would send me further pointers as we talked, and I will pull things in line to suit, and we can pull together now, as we can pull so as to make some money. I can tell you how we can make a good haul at once. Now, you being an outsider and a Conservative, having agents and friends in Algoma and Sault Ste. Marie, you can find out certain important information that will be sufficient to answer the purpose desired. You can communicate it privately to me, and I can pop it, and to the proper place. No one can ever learn the origin of the information. That will make a clear sweep of the three, and you can be more liberal with the funds when they are thus easily got. Get all information as soon as possible, and state figures, value of same, and have it come to hand quick, sure. If I was situated like you I could pick up thousands of dollars' worth soon, and no one would ever dream of you or me in the matter. It is a snap worth trying for. Let me hear from you as soon as possible, so I can shape things in time. Address all my letters to Beeton, marker 'personal,' and I will get them. No other will see them. Yours in haste (Signed) D. A. Jones."

Wanted a Document.

This I answered by saying I would be down shortly and see him. On August 21st I was out at my farm ten miles from Gore Bay; that night be-