

receiving any value for the same; it was typewritten. The consideration was to have been paid that day, but he was not ready. I then went down town, and at about 1.30 p.m. Frank Sullivan and I were to go to a prominent lawyer's office, which we did. This lawyer, when I arrived there, had the letter that I was to sign, and I signed it in his presence. He then said he would keep it, but Frank said there was some stock question to be settled before he would part with the letter. The lawyer said he knew nothing of that and had nothing to do with that, but he would give us his word that if we would leave the letter with him he would hold it in his possession until we were satisfied, but Frank refused to do so, and took the letter with him. I know the lawyer's name.

Three Thousand in It.

We then had an appointment with the Hon. J. R. Stratton for the next forenoon. We went up to his office

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up for the same purpose, and he was anxious to prevent anyone else dealing with Smyth but himself. He told me one day that he telephoned to a person in the city to wire someone to put Smyth on his guard, but I did not know who he phoned to, and do not know whether Smyth was telegraphed or not. Possibly someone in the city can recollect the phone message, as I believe he phoned to some prominent Conservative in the city, and he said he had refused to give them his name and they were surprised. About the last week of September I wrote Smyth a short note, asking him to come down to our Agricultural Fair at Gore Bay on the 2nd of October, so we could put him on his guard, but he did not come.

Mr. Whitney's Query.

About the 25th of September I received a letter from my leader, J. P. Whitney, drawing my attention to the statement made by Captain Sullivan in Ottawa, that I had given a written promise to support the Government. I wrote Sullivan, and he replied as follows:—

"Toronto, Sept. 27, 1902.

"Dear Bob,—I am just in receipt of yours of the 25th inst., and I must say that I am as much surprised as you are. I never made such a statement, and, further, I will forfeit \$1,000 if you can get a man in Ottawa that heard me say such a thing. I was interviewed by a reporter there, and all I said, and more, is in the interview. I will get a copy of it and send it to you. I am writing now before I see Frank, as I feel that I want to let you know at once I did nothing of the kind I am accused of. When I see Frank I will have him write you more fully. Yours truly (signed) J. Sullivan."

On the 29th of September I wrote Hon. J. R. Stratton asking for the appointment of one Thomas Flesher as J. P. at Spanish Mills, and also about the road grants question. (We did this to get some written evidence of the patronage deal).

Mr. Gamey Wanted a Pass.

Stratton replied on October 2nd as follows:—

"(Confidential).

"Toronto, Oct. 2, 1902.

"My dear Gamey,—I have your letter of Sept. 29th relating to the appointment of Mr. Fletcher, Customs Collector on your Island, as a Justice of the Peace.

"I have transferred your letter to the Hon. Mr. Gibson, Attorney-General, who has charge of the administration of justice, and have asked him to approve of your recommendation, and I will see him on my return to the city in a few days in regard to it.

"When the estimates are being prepared for the coming session I will ask the Minister of Public Works to speak to Mr. Boyd, in the direction indicated in your letter.

"I do not know that it would be possible for members to obtain railway passes just now. It has not been customary to issue passes to the members of a new Parliament till the open-

ten, in which I agreed to support the Government. I was getting no consideration for the same, only the ordinary privileges of a Government supporter. After this they were to give me back the one I signed in the lawyer's office. Frank Sullivan was with me when the letter was given, in fact he held the letter for a day. I took it home with me, and we decided at Gore Bay to make some alterations in the letter to see if we could get a letter from them about the same, so I altered the letter and made it read different to what they had.

Two Plots that Failed.

I mailed this letter, addressed to the Premier, Hon. G. W. Ross, about Oct. 30 at Gore Bay, but got no answer, and they did not return the other, but now have both. I wrote Hon. J. R. Stratton a few days after this asking for the loan of two thousand dollars until after the session, but his secretary, Mr. Myers, answered that Mr. Stratton was out of the city, and on his return the letter would be laid before him, but we got no further answer. I was in Toronto in December twice, saw Captain Sullivan and Frank, but did not see Stratton.

After I returned to Toronto, after helping my friends in the Perth bye-election, I saw the Sullivans, and they said Stratton wanted to see me—he was getting afraid of me since I had gone up to Perth. I made an appointment to see him on Tuesday morning, January 13th, at 9.30. When I arrived there he was not in, and I waited in the outer office. Vance was waiting there. Myers was there, and another clerk, name unknown to me, and the lady stenographer. They all saw me. I chatted with Vance until Stratton was ready, and Vance asked me to let him go in first, which I did. He remained about twenty minutes. When I was called, Stratton asked me why I was in Perth, and I told him I had no agreement with him before the voting in the House. He asked why I had altered the letter. I gave an evasive answer, and we discussed matters generally, and he was delighted with the results of the three Norths, saying Whitney would never have as good a chance again of writing "Hon." before his name as he had last summer, when the coalition was discussed. He gave me the particulars of the coalition deal. Also Manitoulin affairs. I reported about Little Current lock-up, and he called in Dr. Chamberlain, and I was introduced to him and discussed the lock-up with him.

I also discussed other appointments. I left the city that night, after telling

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