

THINKS HE KNOWS ORIGIN OF MONEY.

Col. Matheson's Theory on the Gamey Case.

MR. E. R. WOOD'S ABSENCE.

Considering Propriety of Pro- ducing Client's Accounts.

An Exciting Day in the Public Ac- counts Committee—Sullivan Said to Have Handed His Timber Proceeds to Members of the Gov- ernment.

There was a lively meeting of the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature yesterday, in which, in the continued absence of Captain Sullivan, and the absence of Mr. E. R. Wood, Manager of the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company, Col. Matheson threw out the bold charge that the money which Sullivan got for the Shannon limit was taken from him by members of the Government, and that that was where the money came from which was given to Mr. Gamey. Col. Matheson said:—

Col. Matheson's Charge.

"I do not believe that Sullivan got that money for his own use. I believe this Government or members of it got the greater portion of that money, and I further believe, and I say I have a strong suspicion, that the three thousand paid to Gamey came out of that money. I am satisfied that the Government and their supporters are trying to balk this inquiry. I know that Sullivan has been complaining very bitterly among his own friends at not getting this money. It was taken from him by members of the Government."

Should Be Specific.

Mr. Latchford—Mr. Matheson should be more specific or not make the statement at all.

Col. Matheson—You get your bank manager here and I will show you.

Mr. Latchford—He will be here; he was only summoned yesterday.

Col. Matheson—In the last days of the session you are fighting for time.

Mr. Latchford—We are not fighting for time, and I do not think there is any disposition on the part of the manager to delay or defer action at all.

Mr. Wood's Reason.

This discussion followed the announcement by Mr. G. P. Graham, Chairman, that he had received a message from Mr. Wood in the morning, that he desired to consult his solicitor before producing the Sullivan papers asked for, and that he had no opportunity the previous day to do so. The Clerk informed Col. Matheson that Mr. Wood had been notified between 1 and 2 o'clock Wednesday, to which the Colonel replied that he had time that afternoon to consult his solicitor.

Will Investigate Rutherford Deal.

A motion by Mr. Hugh Clark that Mr. R. A. Grant be summoned to appear before the committee to-morrow and produce papers in connection with the Rutherford limit was objected to, and an amendment by Mr. A. G. Mackay changing the time till Tuesday

was carried. The objections were that there were several other committees wanting to sit to-morrow, among them the Municipal Committee, of which Mr. Davis is Chairman. His attendance there was necessary, as representatives from outside were to be heard on important matters. On the other hand, as head of the department concerned, Mr. Davis wanted to hear the evidence in this case, and he thought the witnesses desired should all be here at the same time.

Mr. Davis' Strong Denial.

Mr. Davis gave his word that all the time necessary would be given on and after Tuesday next. Mr. Davis also declared Col. Matheson's charge to be most unfair. Every effort had been made to get the witnesses here; there was nothing to conceal, and in this connection he repudiated most emphatically the insinuation implied in Col. Matheson's remarks. He had never discussed timber or politics with Capt. Sullivan in any manner whatever, and Sullivan was never an employee of the department since he became Commissioner. Col. Matheson's statement was most extraordinary. Why didn't he name the Ministers if there were any connected with the matter? He would throw the accusation back in the strongest possible manner.

Col. Matheson a Fighter.

The delay until Tuesday brought a further protest from Col. Matheson that the Government were fighting for time at the end of the session. He objected to the delays in the work of the committee, and said it was part of the old game session after session.

Col. Matheson then moved that the Chairman report to the House in the afternoon that, having summoned the Manager of the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company to appear before the committee in the morning, the said manager had not appeared, and recommending that an order of the House be issued directing that Mr. E. R. Wood be directed to appear on Friday, the 29th inst, at 11 o'clock for examination respecting the accounts of the said company of Capt. John Sullivan, and that he produce all books, papers, deposit slips, checks and memoranda in connection with the same.

An Unfair Imputation.

Mr. Latchford objected to the resolution as an imputation on Mr. Wood that he did not deserve, and said the committee should wait until Mr. Wood had consulted his solicitor. It was also unnecessary, as the committee had full power to compel the witness to appear. He proposed an amendment recording that this committee regards as reasonable the request of Mr. Wood, the Manager of the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company, communicated to the Chairman, that he be permitted to consult with his counsel as to the propriety of his producing before the committee the papers, which he is personally willing to produce, and that he be asked to appear on Tuesday next, the 2nd of June.

The amendment carried by 15 to 8.

Fruitless Searches.

J. E. Roberston, the messenger who went to Buffalo in search of Capt. Sullivan, testified that he had gone to all the hotels there and enquired for Sullivan, but could get no trace of him. He did not know if he had been in Carter's saloon on Niagara street. D. Miller gave similar evidence of his trip to St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie last week, the only trace he could find being that Sullivan had some time before boarded a tug and gone to the Georgian Bay.

The committee adjourned until Tuesday.

Order For Sullivan's Appearance.

In the House during the afternoon Colonel Matheson moved his resolution, laid over from the previous day, that inasmuch as Capt. John Sullivan had refused to appear before the Public Accounts Committee, the House do order him to appear on Tuesday next, June, 2.

Colonel Gibson thought the full purpose would be served, and the

House would be within the facts, by merely ordering his attendance, without giving any reason. They believed Sullivan had been asked to attend, but they did not know that he had been formally summoned or notified.

Mr. Whitney thought the order being an extraordinary proceeding, the House should incorporate a reason therefore.

Col. Matheson, however, amended his motion to a simple order that Sullivan appear before the committee on Tuesday next, and that the order be served upon him forthwith.

St. Catharines Statement.

St. Catharines, May 28.—One of the evening papers here says: "Cap." Sullivan, whose presence is so keenly desired in Toronto to give his story of the Sullivan-Shannon timber limit deal to a Legislative committee, spent Sunday in Buffalo, a guest at J. McCarty's hotel.

GET GARRISON COMMONS.

PERMISSION GIVEN BY PRI- VATE BILLS COMMITTEE.

To Make a Park and Preserve the Old Fort—Committee Concludes Its Work.

The City of Toronto was given the right in the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday to secure Garrison Commons, amounting to 120 acres, and the grounds of the Exhibition Park, for use as a park or exhibition grounds. The purpose is to turn the property into one large park, and to preserve the Old Fort as an historic landmark. The commons are at present held from the Dominion Government on a thirty-one years' lease, recently renewed, and subject to cancellation at any time on thirty days' notice. Power was also given to purchase any land in any of the municipalities of York County for military purposes, to make an exchange with the Government for the commons. For these purposes debentures are to be issued, payable in forty years, at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent., without submitting a by-law to the ratepayers.

Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., and Mr. S. H. Bradford, on behalf of a number of west end ratepayers, objected, on the ground that the purpose for which the property was desired was not stated. They feared that it might be used for a cattle market or some such objectionable purpose.

Ex-Ald. Hugh McMath objected to the property being bought without a reference to the ratepayers.

Colonel Gibson thought that the property was of great value to the city, though he did not believe they should be allowed to obtain the property without being limited as to its uses.

Assessment Commissioner Fleming claimed that the objections raised were by people who feared that the city would extend the cattle market, and so interfere with the trade of the Junction market. He did not wish to tie down the Council, but could state personally that the question of enlarging the cattle market had not been considered by the Council.

Mr. H. Carscallen (Hamilton) suggested giving the power on a three-fourths vote of Council.

Mr. Fleming further said they intended to erect suitable buildings for the military upon the new property, to be bought in exchange.

Colonel Gibson said that the proposal was a most important one to the city. The value of the property as a park and the importance of preserving the Old Fort as an historic landmark could not be over-estimated. He believed in the general principle of submitting important questions to the people. But they were all aware that in such a case as the present one the difficulties in the way of a good undertaking would be indefinitely increased by