

Mr. Smith's bill to amend the public schools act, it having been absorbed in the bill of the Minister of Education.

#### Inspection of Farm Produce.

Dr. Pyne's bill to amend the public health act was given its second reading and sent to the Legal Committee, Mr. Stratton saying that the provision for inspection of all farmers' produce, fish, etc., was objected to, but there was no objection to the provision that the Medical Health Officer may enter lodging-houses which are considered filthy.

#### Playfair Bill Passed.

Mr. Tudhope's bill was next taken up. It confirms an agreement made by the Council of Midland, fixing the assessment upon Mr. James Playfair's

property at \$10,000 until the end of 1904. Over an hour was spent on the same subject last week. A vote was finally taken, and the committee decided in favor of the bill by a vote of 36 to 28.

#### Listowel's Light Bill.

Mr. McKay (North Grey) moved in committee an amendment to Mr. Brown's bill to enable the town of Listowel to purchase the Listowel Gas & Electric Light Company. The amendment prohibits the town from going into incandescent lighting of houses. The reason for this, Mr. McKay explained, was that only the electric plant was to be purchased, and not the gas plant, and the law said that a municipality could not buy one-half of a company's business and enter into competition with the other half.

Mr. Carscallen objected that the effect would be to deprive the town of electric light for houses.

Hon. R. Harcourt replied that it might be possible to come to an agreement to buy the gas plant.

Mr. McKay said there was no intention on the part of the town to go into incandescent lighting at present. The committee asked leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at 6 p.m.

## CAPT. SULLIVAN QUITE ANGRY.

Col. Matheson Imputed He Was  
Not Telling the Truth.

TAYLOR ONLY A FRIEND.

Was Actually No Assistance in  
Securing Limit.

The Witness Declined to Answer  
Further Questions by Colonel  
Matheson.

"Cap." Sullivan was the chief witness before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday, and after giving evidence in reply to Mr. Lucas for a long time, there was an outbreak between him and Col. Matheson, which severed their relations for the time being. This arose from the Colonel's imputation that Sullivan's evidence was false, whereupon the weather-beaten mariner brought down his fist on the table with great anger, and refused to answer another question by Col. Matheson. The latter subsided, and asked no more questions, but later on Sullivan said he would have something to say to his annoying questioner if they met outside. This remark was objected to by Mr. St. John, as a threat against a member of the committee.

When the committee opened, Col. Matheson moved that T. C. Taylor, clerk in the woods and forests branch

of the Crown Lands Department, be called.

Mr. Davis objected to the wording, as Taylor had been suspended, but on the understanding that that fact was to be recorded the motion passed.

#### Captain Sullivan Questioned.

Mr. Lucas then continued his examination of Capt. John Sullivan. He said he had been in the employ of the Ontario Government from 1890 to 1899, as a forest ranger, but ceased to be in their employ before Mr. Davis became Commissioner. He gave details of some of his money transactions, as revealed by his checks, and explained further the connection of Taylor with the Rutherford deal. Taylor, he declared, had no connection or knowledge of that, until witness told him of it, and was not instrumental in any way in securing the limit for \$250, that having been entirely an arrangement between Sullivan and Shannon or R. A. Grant. He said he was a warm admirer of the Ontario Government and the Reform party, though disagreed with them on one or two things. When Mr. Lucas asked what these were the Chairman interposed, saying that was exceeding all reasonable latitude.

#### Other Witnesses Contradicted.

Mr. Lucas then led the witness through a maze of evidence given by R. A. Grant and Frank Sullivan before the Commission in connection with the arrangements for the timber deal, Capt. Sullivan contradicting both witnesses on a number of points. Many questions were asked respecting the disbursements for expenses in securing the limit, during which the witness said he had given R. A. Grant \$200 for his legal services, but had received \$100 of it back. Mr. Lucas thought Taylor should have received \$4,375, instead of \$4,012.50, but Sullivan said Taylor was satisfied with the adjustment at the time.

"Taylor was no assistance to you in getting the limit?"

"None, whatever."

"You might have had me as a partner?"

"No; my feelings with Taylor and you are far different." (Laughter.)

Mr. Lucas wanted witness to admit that \$4,000 or \$5,000 was to be paid to Gamey for his endorsement of the McGregor Island application, but witness said that was to be his share of the profits if the island was secured.

#### Col. Matheson's Blunder.

Col. Matheson asked a few general questions, and then said:

"Your assertion is this: that Mr. Grant, a reputable lawyer, knew all about this transaction, this Shannon deal. Is that so?"

"He did; he was the lawyer who did the business."

"He knew that you bought it for \$250?"

"Yes."

"And that you sold it for \$9,000?"

"I think he did; he knew we bought it for \$250."

"You undertake to say that Mr. Grant helped you to get out of this Province \$8,750 for the benefit of yourself and Taylor, then?"

"I paid him for the work he did as a lawyer."

"And that Mr. Grant did not know that it was used for any bribery fund?"

"No; I swear he did not know."

"Do you expect the people of the Province to believe that story—that stupid and absurd story?" (Cries of "Order.")

#### The Row Begins.

The Chairman—This witness has some rights here—

Col. Matheson—This witness has no rights when the people have been robbed.

The Chairman—You are saying the witness perjured himself.

Mr. Latchford—I think the vilest criminal in any court in this country would not be subjected to such an imputation as that attached to him by Mr. Matheson.

Col. Matheson—I have got this witness.

Capt. Sullivan—I will not answer another question until you apologize to me. I am here before the committee

and before the country.

At this there was some applause by outsiders in the committee room, and the witness brought his hand down flat on the table with a resounding smash.

The Chairman—I think the Colonel is forgetting himself.

Col. Matheson said he might have been misunderstood, at which the committee laughed loudly. He then asked: "Have you any knowledge of that money going beyond Taylor?"

"I will not answer until he apologizes," replied the witness.

Mr. Latchford said other witnesses, including Taylor himself, would speak on that, and the matter dropped.

Later on, Sullivan said if he was outside with Col. Matheson he would have something to say to him.

Mr. St. John rose to a point of order, and said that no witness had a right to make threats. He also commented on Frank Sullivan's action in starting applause.

The Chairman said everybody was using too much latitude.

#### No Bribery Fund Here.

Capt. Sullivan, further examined by Mr. Latchford, testified that he was positive that not a cent of either Taylor's share or his own had been spent for political purposes. His reason for going to Taylor was that the latter in the spring of 1902 had some money, and he (Sullivan) had none. A number of other questions which did not reveal anything further were asked, and at 12.30 the witness retired.

#### Lumbermen Testify.

Hon. Mr. Davis then said that he proposed to call a number of the best known practical lumbermen of the Province to testify as to the value of the cut on the limit in question. These gentlemen had visited the spot and would give expert testimony. The first of these witnesses was Mr. W. J. Sheppard of Waubaushene. He swore that, in his opinion, the cut was worth \$17 to \$17.50 per thousand. It was very rough material, and it must have cost about \$9 to get out. From the general appearance of things, he would say that he best timber must have been taken off the limit in past years.

W. T. Toner of Collingwood estimated the value of the lumber referred to at \$16 or \$16.50. In reply to Mr. Davis, he said the same lumber was worth \$15 last season. He explained the difference in his and Mr. Sheppard's estimate by the fact that he was a buyer and Mr. Sheppard a seller.

D. G. Cooper, another Collingwood dealer, confirmed the estimate of the previous witness.

#### Sunday at Hanlan's.

The Church of England services, which have been held at Hanlan's Point every summer for the past seven years, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will be resumed on Sunday next, 7th of June, at 11 a.m. Rev. H. C. Dixon, who has kindly opened the season's work for several years past, will conduct the service. Service sheets and hymn books will be provided.