

never received any money for information concerning limits, and none of his money had ever gone to party funds. Before adjournment Col. Matheson called the Ministers' attention to Taylor's conduct, and advised his arrest and the attachment of the money. Hon. E. J. Davis said the case was under consideration and would be dealt with promptly.

An enormous amount of time was wasted in an argument about the correct way to put a question to Mr. T. C. Taylor about his dealings. Mr. Conmee objected to a question put by Mr. St. John. Before Mr. St. John had carried his point by insisting upon its propriety and threatening to leave the committee unless he obtained an answer, the members had argued pro and con at much length and with a great loss of time.

Mr. J. M. Jellett, chief clerk of the head office savings department of the Dominion Bank, presented Mr. T. C. Taylor's checks against his savings account. These checks were as follows:—August 15, \$105, payable to Wm. Irwin at the Ontario Bank, Peterboro'; Sept. 2, \$300, payable to Walker House; Sept. 24, \$300, with no endorsement; Sept. 24, \$300, possibly to current account; April 1, \$136.05, cash drawn by Taylor himself; April 29, 1903, \$50 to the Walker House; April 30, \$100, endorsed by Taylor; May 20, \$100, possibly to current account; Jan. 7, \$150 to John Regan, and a number of smaller checks for current accounts.

#### A Typical Discussion.

Mr. White, lumberman, of Midland, was called. He saw the logs from the Charlton limit when they reached Colingwood. They would be worth \$17 a thousand to-day in timber, and would have been worth \$1 less last year.

Mr. White and Col. Matheson had an interesting dialogue about values of lumber, but not much information resulted.

"Your ideas seem to be very hazy," said Col. Matheson.

Mr. Conmee—Mr. Chairman, that remark is an entirely improper one to make against a witness.

Col. Matheson—Mr. Chairman, I call to your attention that whenever we get near to a point in here Mr. Conmee has to jump in.

Mr. Conmee—Mr. Chairman, I call your attention to the fact that Mr. Matheson has more than once insulted a witness in this committee.

Col. Matheson—I leave it to the witness whether I insulted him.

Mr. Conmee—You say the witness' ideas were hazy. You might as well say he is lying.

Mr. St. John—Not at all. You don't seem to understand the English language.

Mr. Conmee—If you said that I was hazy, I'd pretty soon give you my answer.

#### The Suspended Clerk.

Mr. Theodore C. Taylor, the former accountant in the woods and forest branch of the Crown Lands Department, was the next witness. He was now under suspension, he said. He succeeded Mr. Aubrey White in the position of accountant. His attention was first drawn to the Rutherford limit by Captain John Sullivan in April or May of last year. Sullivan said there was probably \$1,200 or \$1,500 in it. After that he next told him he had sold it for \$9,000.

Col. Matheson—Do you think it a proper thing for you, a Government employee, to speculate in the Government's property?

"That's another question," replied Taylor.

"As a matter of fact, you did?" said Col. Matheson.

"I did," replied the witness.

He received two checks from Captain Sullivan as his share, one for \$2,012.50 and one for \$2,000.

The \$300 drawn from his account on Sept. 24, he explained, was paid to his daughter, and the \$150 to John Regan was a loan.

"Have you been in other transactions of this kind?" asked Col. Matheson.

"Are you trying me?" asked the witness.

Mr. St. John questioned closely to

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## TIME WASTED IN PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Members Do More Arguing  
Than Examining.

### T. C. TAYLOR'S EVIDENCE.

Was in Another Timber Limit  
Deal.

It Was on Private Property, Though  
—He Made \$1,900—Mr. St. John  
Admits Failure of Opposition  
Charge.

Before the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature yesterday the suspended clerk, Theodore C. Taylor, was the chief witness. His accounts with the savings department of the Dominion Bank were examined, and Mr. J. W. St. John admitted that the Gamey \$3,000 had not come from this source. Taylor admitted that he and Capt. Sullivan had each got \$1,900 out of a transaction by which Chew Bros. sold a limit in Capreol Township to J. W. Munro in 1901. He had