

find out whether Mr. Taylor had ever had previous dealings in Crown property.

A Troublesome Question.

Mr. St. John then formed a question for the witness which was the subject of discussion for half an hour. The question was: "Have you dealt in any way with timber purchased from this Government, in which you have participated in the profits or received some money in connection therewith, since you have been in office?"

"Ask me any one question if you want to," replied Mr. Taylor.

"You answer that question. Your head is level?"

"I want to know if you can put your finger at anything I have done."

"That is not honest. We happened to get our finger on one."

The question was repeated.

"I don't know how to answer it."

"Answer that, please."

"I don't think I have a right to answer."

"You object to answer?"

"Yes."

"I move that the witness be ordered to answer that question," said Mr. St. John.

Mr. Conmee said the question should be put in a fair way. The timber must be first purchased from the Government in any case.

Mr. Latchford pointed out that they were investigating a certain matter, and if they wanted to go into another matter they should do it in a regular way.

Mr. St. John said the Government were afraid of the truth.

Mr. St. John said: "If I am not going to get a fair answer, I am going to leave this committee. I will not waste my time."

The discussion continued in this strain for some time. In the end the Chairman, Mr. Graham, ruled that the witness should answer, but he had the right to make any explanation he desired. The witness replied that all the timber was purchased from the Government.

Was in Another Deal.

The witness then proceeded to say: "I say I have participated in another deal, but with a private party, but the limit was originally purchased from the Government, and I considered it was private property, and I had a perfect right to do it."

In reply to further questions witness said the transaction in question concerned a limit in Capreol Township, in 1901, he thought. His partner was Capt. Sullivan in that case, too, and he got \$1,900 out of it; he thought Sullivan got the same. It was a limit sold by Chew Bros. to the late J. W. Munro for \$28,000, and he and Sullivan came in on the deal. There were about five million feet on the limit. In that case Sullivan also drew his attention to the limit, and it was Sullivan gave witness the proceeds in the end.

The Charge Fails.

Witness said he had never received any money from any person or persons for information respecting limits, and, in reply to Mr. Latchford, he said the proceeds all went to his own private use in both transactions, he having never contributed to party funds.

Mr. Latchford proceeded to examine the witness respecting his checks, which had been produced, but the proceeding was cut short by Mr. St. John, saying:—

"There is nothing in this account that indicates that he gave this \$3,000. I will admit that."

In reply to Mr. Hugh Clark, the witness said Sullivan had done quite a bit for him.

"What have you done for him?"

"Nothing, except take the money he gave me."

Matheson Suggests Arrest.

After the examination had concluded, Col. Matheson rose and said:— "Mr. Chairman: This is a grave matter between the Government, and they must take the responsibility. I think there are two Ministers here, so it is not necessary that you make a report. I draw the attention of these two Ministers to the

connection between an employee of the Government, Taylor and Capt. Sullivan, and also to their balances in the bank, as to attaching their money, and, as to the question of putting the employee under arrest. I leave the responsibility with the members of the Government."

Mr. Davis said his first knowledge of Taylor's connection with the deal was through Sullivan's evidence, and he had immediately suspended Taylor, believing he had the right to be heard before dismissal. The case would be dealt with promptly. If the committee wanted to go into the Chew Bros transaction he had no doubt the department would be shown to have acted promptly.

The committee adjourned until Tuesday.

THE WOMAN'S RESIDENCE.

GOVERNMENT LANDS TO MEET COST OF ERECTION.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt Gives Notice of a Bill For This Purpose—A Short Sitting of the Legislature—Aid Extended to Charities.

The little amount of business to be transacted by the Legislature yesterday was attended to in about half an hour. The announcement of the Government's intention to assist in the erection of a woman's residence for the University of Toronto was the only important feature of the sitting.

Hon. R. Harcourt gave notice of a bill to set aside certain lands for university purposes. These lands are not to be used for general university purposes, but will be ear-marked for meeting the cost of erecting a woman's residence. It is the intention to set aside enough land to pay for the erection of the building, so that the funds already raised by the Woman's Residence Society can be devoted to furnishing, etc. The location of the land and its extent have not yet been decided upon, but it is the intention that it shall be chosen with a view to making the gift immediately realizable.

Mr. Davis informed Mr. J. J. Preston (Durham) that Samuel Johnston of Mount Albert had been employed by the Province as a culler during two seasons, receiving \$744 in all for his work.

A number of private bills were advanced a stage.

Mr. Stratton moved ratification of orders in Council placing the following institutions in schedule "A," under the charity aid act:—Royal Alexandra Hospital, Fergus; Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay; Cottage Hospital, Renfrew; Loyal True Blue Orphanage, Picton; and that a grant of \$4,000 each be given to the Houses of Refuge of Lanark and Ontario Counties.

The resolutions were carried. Mr. Ross then moved the adjournment.

Mr. Whitney asked whether it was the intention of the Government to print the evidence and the addresses of counsel before the commission, or either of them.

Mr. Ross replied that, of course, if they were going to have a prolonged discussion, it would probably be necessary to print them, but it would be rather expensive. It would cost two or three thousand dollars. However, he would advise his hon. friend.

The House adjourned at 3:55 o'clock.