

Q. Handwriting that had been acknowledged by him to be correct, was it? A. I don't know what you call correct.

Q. Well, acknowledged to be his handwriting? A. Well, I have had notes, for instance, with his name signed on it.

Q. So that you are familiar with his handwriting? A. Well, some people write two or three different hands. The letter which was sent to me or copy I couldn't say whether that was his or not. I couldn't express any belief about it.

Q. Well, from your knowledge of his handwriting can you give any opinion as to the handwriting of this original receipt? (Objected to.) A. I took it for his. To the best of my knowledge it was his handwriting.

Q. In handing these papers over, as far as you know, in whose hands only were these papers since the time they were made? A. Well, they were in the hands of one gentleman in the town and only one.

Q. Who was that? A. John Black.

Q. Did Mr. Quinn ever have them to your knowledge? A. No.

Q. Who got them back from Black? A. I did.

Q. Then in whose hands did they remain? A. Mine.

Q. Till when? A. Till I handed them to Stockton.

Q. Then, as far as your knowledge and belief goes, these papers from the time they came into your possession originally have been in your possession and Mr. Black's possession and Dr. Stockton's possession? A. Yes, I don't know of any others. They might have given them to somebody else.

Q. When you say "your possession," that would be the possession of yourself and Mary at the house, would it? A. Yes.

Q. You say you returned the receipt to Wilson. What did you get from him in exchange for that? A. A note.

Q. What became of that note ultimately? A. I left it with Mr. Black for collection.

Q. Did you keep any copy of it yourself when you left it with him? A. No.

Q. Well, this paper that has been put in evidence here purporting to be a copy of the note—from whom did you get that? Have you any recollection about it at all? A. No, but I think it is Mr. Black's writing—I am not sure.

Q. Have you seen Mr. Black's writing? A. Yes, but this is in pencil.

Q. You have read the contents of it, have you? A. Yes.

Q. From reading the contents of it, have you any doubt as to whether it is a copy of the original note or not? A. I have no doubt but what it is.

Q. Who was the endorser of that note? A. John Anderson, a member for the County of York at that time.

Q. Mr. Wilson was a member for York at that time, was he? A. Yes.

Q. After this note fell due, was it paid? A. Through Mr. Black it was.

Q. Was it paid immediately when it came due? A. I don't know that.

Q. What do you say to that? A. When I gave it to Black, I don't remember how long after, that he gave me the money.

Q. But was the note over-due when you gave it to Black for collection? A. I think it was. It must have been or I would not have left it. I applied to Mr. Wilson several times for payment and could not get it and then I gave it to Black.

Q. Previous to putting the note in Black's hands for collection had you called on Wilson for payment of it? A. I had written to him several times.

(Paper Q.) What is that? A. A copy of a letter dated April 17th, 1891, that I sent to Wilson.

Q. You copied that letter yourself and sent it to Wilson? A. Yes, I don't know whether I mailed it or sent it to him.

Mr. Blair—You could not swear you did either? You don't remember? A. No.

(Paper marked for identification, No. 11.) Mr. Powell—Q. Looking at that letter, can you say that, previous to that time, you had called upon Mr. Wilson, or that Mr. Wilson was to pay you the money for that note? A. I had called on him, or wrote to him, before this, because this is to show that he did not come up to time as he promised to do.

Q. But, looking at that letter, what was his promise that he did not come up to before that letter was written? A. He promised to pay me at a certain time.

Q. Well, look at the letter and see what time it would be? A. Thirty days, I think.

Q. Do you say, looking at that letter, that he agreed to pay you the money within thirty days? A. That was the understanding.

Q. That was not done, was it? A. No.

(Paper Q.) What is that paper? A. A copy of a letter from me to Mr. Wilson.

Q. Do you see a memo at the bottom of that letter that you made—"mailed June 25"? A. Yes, I see that.

Q. What does that memo mean? A. That it was mailed at that time.

Mr. Tweedie—Q. Is the memo in your writing? A. Yes.

Mr. Blair—Q. Do you remember putting it on there yourself? A. Yes.

Q. When did you put it there? A. I suppose when I wrote the letter.

Q. Will you swear you did? A. No, I won't.

Mr. Powell—Q. You would put it on at a time when it would be fresh in your memory? A. I could not tell you when I put it on.

Q. Well, is that memo, correct that you have put there? A. It is.

Q. And that is a copy of the original letter which you at that time mailed to Wilson? A. It is.

Mr. Powell—Q. I offer that paper in evidence.

Mr. Blair (interposing)—Q. You have no recollection at all apart from what you see on that paper as to that memo? A. I know I wrote it.

Q. You have no recollection of mailing it? A. No.

Q. And no recollection of when you wrote that memo at the bottom? A. No.

Q. And you could not tell whether you put it there at the time or afterwards? A. No, I could not swear I put it there when I wrote the letter.

Q. So you could not swear at all as to what you did with the letter that you wrote, whether you mailed it or gave it to Wilson, or sent it at all? A. There is no doubt I sent it, but I could not swear to it.

Q. Even looking at that memo, you could not swear you sent it? A. No, to the best of my opinion I sent it, or I wouldn't have written it, for I wanted the money.

Mr. Powell—Q. From the fact of that memo, being there, are you sure you did send it? The idea in putting that memo there would be what? A. To show when I sent it to him.

Q. You feel certain that that is correct, do you? A. I do; that is, as far as my knowledge goes about it.

Mr. Tweedie—Q. Do you say you mailed the letter? A. No.

Q. Or that Wilson ever got the letter? A. I couldn't say.

Mr. Blair—I waive my objection.

(Letter put in evidence and marked No. 12.) Mr. Powell—Now, I offer in evidence the letter of April 17th, 1891, which has been marked No. 11.

Mr. Blair—It is quite clear that it is not evidence, but I will not object to it.

(Letter of said date received in evidence.) Mr. Powell—Q. (Paper) What is this document? In whose hand writing is it? A. I couldn't say.

Q. Well, in your belief? A. It is like some that I have of Mr. Wilson's.

Q. From your knowledge of his handwriting—? A. I wouldn't swear that it was.

Q. Have you any belief about it? A. I believe it is to the best of my knowledge. Because I have had some of his that looked like it, and some that didn't.

Q. From your knowledge of his handwriting you believe it to be his? A. Yes.

Q. But you couldn't swear positively? A. No.

Mr. Powell—I offer this paper in evidence.

(Paper marked No. 13.) Mr. Tweedie—Q. At this time, November 14th, 1890, you did not know exactly what time he got the engrossing clerk? No, he wouldn't for the house had not met.

Q. He wouldn't have the engrossing clerkship till the following session of the legislature? A. No.

(Paper Q.) The Attorney General asked you last night as to whether or not you kept copies of original documents. Would you just look at that for one moment. Whose handwriting is that? A. I couldn't say.

Q. You don't know whose it is? A. It is my own.

Q. What is it? A. It is a copy of a letter I got from Barry.

Mr. Tweedie—Q. The letter you got from Barry? A. My son.

Mr. Powell—Q. You kept that among the other papers, did you? A. Yes.

(Paper marked No. 14 for identification.) Q. Coming down to the time when you gave up the receipt in Wilson's office, do you remember what took place on that occasion besides your handing over the receipt and getting the note? A. Yes; when he was making the note he said: "You ought to give us something."

Q. Did he say what for? A. No. He said: "You ought to give us something," and I said: "All right, put \$50 on the back of the note." And he did so.

Q. What was this \$50 put on there for? Mr. Blair objected. He can only say what was said.

Mr. Tweedie—Yes, he might choose to understand an entirely different state of facts from those that existed.

Mr. Powell—Q. Before this endorsement was made on the note, and the note given which bears date September 17th, 1891, had William been appointed to any position? A. After the election he was appointed engrossing clerk.

Q. At the session of 1891 he was appointed engrossing clerk? A. Yes.

Q. That would be in the spring of 1891? A. Yes.

Q. This note would be after the appointment? A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember anything further that took place between you on that occasion about the \$50; as to what he wanted it for or anything of that kind? A. No, he didn't say what he wanted it on? (Objected.)

Q. Was anything said at that time in respect to what it ought to be given for—in consideration of anything? A. Well, I understood—(Objected.)

Mr. Tweedie—Q. What was said at the time? A. Nothing more than what I have said.

Mr. Powell—Q. You don't remember anything more than that said that what you have said? A. No. He said: "You ought to give us something," and I said: "Put \$50 on the back of the note if that will satisfy you, or something like that."

Q. After your son William died, did you see anything of the endorser in connection with this note at all—Mr. Anderson? A. Yes.

Q. Where was this? A. He spoke of it to me in my house, I think, about the time of my son's death.

Q. You spoke about a conversation with the Attorney General taking place at your house? A. Yes.

Q. You don't recollect the exact time? A. No, it was just before the election—during the campaign—he was going out into the country, he told me, at that time.

Q. Well, that would be during the election campaign? A. Yes.

Q. You could not fix the date with any more precision than that? A. No.

Q. And you could not tell, I understood you to say to the Attorney General, whether it was before or after the receipt of Mr. Barry's letter? A. I could not place it either before or after.

Q. You had other conversations, you said, with him about the appointment? A. Yes, two other conversations.

Q. Where did the others occur? A. One on Carleton street, near his office, and the other opposite the Royal Gazette office.

Q. What was the conversation on Carleton street about? A. It was about the position that he had promised William—I wanted to get it settled in some way before the election came on.

Mr. Sivewright—Q. I think you said the Attorney General seemed to be quite angry at being approached in that way? A. Yes, he seemed to be quite. I don't know whether he was cross at the parties who had been with him or with me.

Mr. Powell—Q. On the other occasion, near the Royal Gazette office, what took place between you? A. Nothing more than applying for the position. I cannot remember exactly what was said, but he was promising all the time that he should get it—that was the sum and substance of it. I was always pressing and he was always promising.

Q. Was it on this occasion that he informed you that the office was filled temporarily by Mr. Wetmore? A. I don't know the exact occasion that he told me that.

Committee adjourns, to meet at 2.30 p. m., this day.

Committee meets at 2.30 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Powell continues his examination of W. H. Quinn—Q. You spoke about having no feeling against Mr. Wilson? A. No.

Q. You had always been friendly with him? A. Yes.

Q. You had business transactions? A. Yes.

Q. Had you been friendly with the Attorney General? A. Yes, I always had.

Q. I understood you to say that you had some little feeling? A. Against whom?

Q. The Attorney General? A. Yes, for promising those things and not fulfilling them.

Q. For promising what? A. My son a position in that office? I had voted for Mr. Blair frequently.

Q. Your son was Secretary of the Government Committees in the City, was he not? A. I understood so.

Mr. Tweedie—You don't know that of your own knowledge? A. No.

Mr. Powell—You say you are still friendly with Wilson? A. Yes.

Q. Did Mr. Wilson call upon you since this matter came up during the present session? A. Yes.

Q. How many times? A. I think three or four—three at least.

Q. Did he say any length of time on these occasions? A. On one occasion he did.

Q. About how long? A. Maybe three quarters of an hour or an hour.

Q. Was it on private business or in connection with this? A. In connection with this business.

Q. What was his object? What did he say? A. The first time he came he inquired if I had a copy of that receipt.

Q. Was that all that he was after the first time? A. Yes.

Q. Tell us what he said on that occasion? A. He asked me if I had a copy of that receipt, or asked my daughter if she had a copy of it, and my daughter said she thought there was one, and he asked her if she would find it—asked her to let him see it—and she said she couldn't find it just now—and he said: "If you find it I wish you would put it in an envelope and send it to me," and she said she would. The next day he came back and asked if she had found it, and she said no. He asked me if I had the receipt and I told him I had, and he asked when did I get it? And I said I didn't know. He asked me if I would let him see it, and I said no. He asked me how long did I have it; and I said: "I don't tell him." He asked me who had it; and I said John Black, and he said he was his greatest enemy in town. On the third occasion he came in and pulled a paper out of his pocket which said that he had said: "Quinn, for God's sake, I want those papers," and that he went up and down the floor crying, and he asked me if there was any truth in that, and I said no; no truth whatever; I did not connect it, and didn't know anything about it, and he said it was very hard on him, and I said: "Well, I didn't have anything to do with it." He asked me if I would write something to that effect, and I said: "No, I will write you nothing, but I can contradict that column that is in that paper," that is, those statements with regard to him crying, and asking to have the papers burned. I think that was the last time he called on me.

Q. You did not authorize him to contradict anything else? A. No, I said: "If you contradict anything else I won't stand it, but all that is in that column you can contradict."

Q. Was that all that took place on that occasion? A. Yes, that was all.

Q. Since that time, have you given him anything towards the purchase of the office, and would I give him permission to say that—that I never gave him any money or anything towards that, and I said, "No, I would not, for I don't want it?"

Q. Tell us again, as near as you can, what you said when he asked you to state that you had given him no money, or when he wanted you to authorize him to say that?

Q. He wanted me to authorize him to say that I never gave him any money to him for to get that position for William.

Q. What did you say in reply to that? A. I said I wouldn't do that.

Q. Since that time, during the present session, has anyone else besides those you have mentioned waited on you in connection with this matter—Mr. Stockton, Mr. Phinney and Mr. Pitts? A. No.

Q. Do you recollect Mr. Randolph's clerk waiting on you and talking with this matter? A. Oh, he came in, not in connection with that—nothing more than to ask me whether what was said in the papers was true.

Mr. Blair—Q. Who was that? A. Mr. Blair, clerk in Randolph's office; he is a friend of mine.

Mr. Powell—Q. At the time that your son William gave you this paper for you to copy and send to Mr. Blair, did he make any statement to you as to whom he got that paper from?

Mr. Tweedie—I would object to that as being immaterial, because, even if he had made a statement, it couldn't be given in evidence.

(Question disallowed.)

Mr. Powell—Q. Did your son William make any statement to you about the conversation he had with Wilson respecting the office?

(Objected to and disallowed.)

Q. At the time this declaration was taken up to you, had they a draft copy first or did they give you the copy that you signed last, or how was it? A. I think it was in writing first.

Q. Had they the declaration—the typewritten paper I mean—there more than once? A. No, but they had it there written in sheets before.

Q. And were corrections made in that? A. I think so; I am not positive.

Q. And that was the one that was brought to you signed? A. Yes.

Q. Were both of them—the one in writing and the one made by the typewriter—read over to you? A. Mr. Stockton read the first one, and Mr. Phinney read the second one—the one I have signed.

Re-examined by Mr. Blair:

Q. You say they were two papers presented to you? Who was it presented the first one? A. Mr. Stockton.

Q. What do you mean by that? A. Brought some paper in sheets not fastened together.

Q. Was that the second time he was there or the first? A. I couldn't say positively—I think it was the first.

Q. Do you swear that he professed to read the whole of that paper over to you—the one that was in writing? A. No, he read parts of it and added to it when he asked me questions.

Q. You are referring now to the time when you say he took down a statement first? A. Yes.

Q. He took down in writing on paper your statement? A. Yes.

Q. Do you say that he read those statements over to you? A. Yes, what I gave him then. There were some written before he brought the papers there.

Mr. Pitts—Q. They were copies of the letters? A. Copies of the letters I suppose.

Mr. Blair—Q. You wouldn't swear to that? A. No.

Q. What do you swear that he read anything to you, except what you told him there? A. I don't think he did. I am not positive.

Q. Will you say that one word was altered in that paper that he first had there, or was it not only something added to it? A. I don't know whether it was altered or added to. He wrote some more.

Q. Do you say there was a word altered in it? A. I will not, because I did not observe it closely.

Q. What did you pay much attention to what was read, did you? A. I paid attention to know that exactly what I gave him was put down.

Q. Do you swear that he read to you what you had given him to put down just as you gave it to him? A. No, I won't. I am not positive.

Q. He went over it after he put it down, but I am not positive.

(Paper)—Q. Here is a copy of Mr. Barry's letter which you looked at this morning and finally concluded it was in your hand-writing? A. Yes.

Q. When did you make that copy? A. Immediately after I got Barry's letter I suppose.

Q. Where did you have it? A. I had it with the rest of the papers I suppose.

Q. Do you say that you did that immediately after you got it from Barry? A. I think so.

Q. Or did you make a copy of it immediately before you gave it up to John Black? A. I don't think it.

Q. What did you do it for? A. To have something to go on.

Q. Then you must have been letting the original go out of your hands? A. I don't think it was for that reason.

Q. Did you make it before you gave the original into Mr. Black's hands? A. I cannot tell you.

Q. Did you make it more than a week ago? A. Yes.

Q. You will swear to that? A. Yes.

Q. Did you make it more than two weeks ago? A. Yes, it must have been more than that. I cannot swear when it was made.

Q. Will you swear it was made more than a fortnight ago? A. I will.

Q. Will you swear it was made more than three weeks ago? A. I won't swear any more than I can tell you.

Q. You cannot give us any reason for your making it? A. I cannot.

(Paper previously marked No. 14 for identification put in evidence.)

Mr. Powell—Q. What is your best recollection of the time you made it? A. I have not much recollection about it.

Q. But as to whether it was more than three or four weeks ago? A. I could not swear, but I think it was more than that.

Mr. Tweedie—Did you make these copies at the direction of any person? A. Some I did and some I did not.

Q. Was this last copy of Barry's letter made at the direction of any person? A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Well, have you any recollection? A. I have not.

Q. Will you say it was not made at the direction of some person? A. I will not.

Q. Who directed you to make copies of any of the letters? A. My son did.

Q. Did any person else? A. No.

Q. Well, your son evidently did not direct you to make a copy of this letter, which was made a few weeks ago? A. No.

Jeremiah H. Barry (sworn)—Examined by Mr. Blair:

Q. You are a barrister residing in Fredericton? A. Yes.

Q. Were you in professional co-partnership with me in 1889 and 1890? A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember the election of 1890? A. Yes.

Q. Who were the candidates for the Government? A. The candidates on the Government ticket were yourself, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Bellamy.

Q. Who acted as treasurer in connection with the election fund? A. Well, I suppose I might be considered as treasurer, although I had no regular appointment.

Q. You were acquainted with Mr. W. A. Quinn? A. Yes.

(Paper No. 3.) Q. Do you recognize that letter? A. Yes, that is my handwriting.

Q. Did you write that letter at my suggestion? A. No.

Q. Was I aware from anything you know that you had written it or were going to write that letter? A. As I have already stated on another occasion I have no recollection of writing this letter, although it undoubtedly was written by me. My memory don't assist me now in saying that you had any knowledge whatever of it. In fact, at this time, if my memory is correct I don't think you could have any knowledge of it because you were out of town at the time.

(Objected to.)

Q. Well, you can state, as a matter of fact, whether I was or was not out of town