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other in St. John that I know of and I will give it, not that I am objecting to it, but to be fair all around. Here is voucher 2488, what does it represent?

A.—Inches & Hazen, St. John, \$1,781.08 for searching titles of right-of-way in Sunbury county.

Mr. Carvell—There was some mention a few days ago about a \$1,000 voucher for "Gleaner stock"; do you know anything about that?

A.—No.  
Q.—Did you remove the certificate from the voucher?

A.—No, I did not.

C.—From whom did you receive your stock?

A.—From Messrs. Barnard, Lisman and Gould.

C.—Did you pay anything for the stock?

A.—No, I hold it in trust for those gentlemen.

The minute book of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company was produced and identified by the witness.

Turning to the minutes of the meeting on August 23, 1910, the witness said that he was not a member of the company at this time but that this was the organization meeting, presided over by A. R. Gould?

Q.—Is there any resolution there regarding the allotment of stock?

Mr. Teed objected but was not sustained.

A.—Yes, there is a resolution there.

Q.—What is it?

A.—To provide for the transfer of \$25,000 in fully paid-up stock to A. R. Gould, Ross Thompson, A. M. McLellan, James McNaught and Ernest E. King, in payment for a right-of-way to electric power at a fixed rate, from the Maine and N.B. Power Company, which had been assigned to them by James U. Thomas.

Q.—And these gentlemen each received fifty shares of stock?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And were then elected directors?

A.—Yes.

Q.—At this meeting the question of building the Valley Railway was raised?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And what was said?

A.—The chairman reported that there was a prospect of getting a contract for constructing the road down the St. John River.

Q.—A contract with the government?

A.—I suppose so, or anyone else who was in a position to deal with the contract.

Q.—The president spoke of it as a profitable contract?

A.—He did not know as much about it as he does now; it has not proved profitable.

Q.—At the meeting of November 28, 1911, there is mention of a draft contract with the government?

A.—Yes, for a railway from St. John to Grand Falls?

Q.—That is the contract which was afterwards executed?

A.—I cannot tell.

Mr. Fowler—What is the use of this? The contract is in the act.

Mr. Carvell—Pardon me, but it is not. I never had a chance to even see the contract until I found it in the minute book.

Chairman—Well, the minute book is in evidence now.

Mr. Hughes—Was that draft contract approved?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Were you at the meeting on August 23, 1912?

A.—I cannot remember.

Q.—Four agreements are mentioned as ordered executed, which are they?

A.—First, a proposal to contract between the company, the Prudential Trust Company, the Province of New Brunswick and the Bank of Montreal, regarding the sale of the debenture stock.

Q.—Is there a resolution at the meeting of April 30, 1913, regarding the progress estimates?

A.—Yes.

Q.—By that the Trust Company was authorized to pay on progress estimates direct to the Construction Company?

A.—Yes.

Chairman—Ah! That gives the authority for these payments.

Q.—At the meeting on April 15, 1914, who was present?

A.—Messrs. Gould, Chestnut, Edgcombe and myself.

Q.—At that meeting the new contract with the Construction Company was authorized?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—That is the contract under which the Construction Company gets ten per cent. of the cost of the work?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Carvell—Have you made any attempts to secure the books from the New York office?

A.—Personally, I have not, but I have heard Mr. Guthrie tell Mr. Gould to write for them and I understood that they are to be sent by express to St. John.

To Mr. Guthrie witness said that

when Mr. Gould was considering the contract he was given assurances by both Liberals and Conservatives that he need not worry about the right-of-way, as promises had been given all along the proposed route that the right-of-way would be given free.

These assurances were given by the Boards of Trade and representatives of smaller communities. When he started out he got more than fifty deeds without charge but he was not so successful when he reached Carleton County, where Mr. Carvell "put a spoke in his wheel" and after that he got none for nothing.

"The trouble with the people," the witness said, "is that they thought that the government was building the road and they thought they ought to get a share of the money."

Mr. Carvell—Who is building it the government is not?

Witness—The road is being built by the proceeds of the sale of bonds, guaranteed by the province, but amply protected by the money we have put up. It is not costing and will not cost the province a cent.

Witness continued, regarding the arbitration and court proceedings over land claims, that he did not believe that the company got justice in a single case.

"When we appointed a man everybody said he was a relative of mine or connected with the company, but the land owners could appoint their brothers or their sisters, their uncles or their aunts and that was all right."

Judge Wells—Do you say on oath that any sisters or aunts were appointed? (Laughter.)

A.—No, I was only speaking figuratively.

Judge McKeown—Do you swear that you did not get justice before the courts? Before what judges?

Witness started to hedge but was required to answer and finally said that he thought Judge Barry awarded too high damages in one case?

Mr. Guthrie—In some cases the same arbitrator acted for whole communities?

A.—Yes, sir.

Judge Wells—A most extraordinary tribunal!

Mr. Carvell—Why, Mr. Connor, their own man, was appointed by the railway in almost every case.

Mr. Guthrie—Who acted on the other side in almost every case in Carleton county?

A.—John S. Leighton.

Mr. Carvell—Do you want to say that the arbitrator in a case you referred to gave an award that was not justified?

A.—In my opinion it was twice too much.

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