

D. AND D. ENQUIRY.

The Cross Examination of
Prof. Woodbridge
Concluded.

SHELDON PRIDE, A FORMER
TEACHER, ON THE STAND

Tells of the Methods Employed
in Collecting.

WHAT HE HAD TO SAY TO DEAF
AND DUMB WITNESSES.

Principal Woodbridge finished his testimony Friday afternoon. He said he applied to the Indian commissioner for clothing for Dedan. Cannot say if the Indian commissioner sent him to Fredericton well supplied with clothing. He got \$12.50 from the commissioner. He made a claim against the Indian department for the maintenance and education of the boy. The bill was for about \$200 originally and included the funeral expenses, etc. He did not remember he was told by letter that he had agreed to charge nothing for the education and maintenance of the boy as he received the county grants.

Letters were then produced showing that the department refused to pay for the maintenance and education of the boy as contrary to agreement. Also that there had been a bill for a large sum sent to department and returned.

The bill which was finally paid by the department was produced and showed charge for two cases of whiskey, only one of which the department would allow as it considered the amount consumed excessive.

The legislation for the extension of time for pupils was obtained at his instance. When he made the applications in the case of Bowland and Crain he knew the provision of the act of 1900. Did not know why the certificates were not sent although stated they had been. No certificates were ever issued. The matter was evidently not dealt with by the committee as required by law. Knew it has never been before it.

He kept no farm account and could not say how much the farm produced. Collectors have been out gathering money since this inquiry commenced. James Neville has been collecting in this province and Prince Edward Island. He is now collecting in Quebec for the institution. The amount collected this year was about \$1,800. He had entered the salaries in his books but they were not all paid. Cannot say the amount of the indebtedness. He is still collecting. Neville has made no returns of his cash since June. Does not know how much he has collected since June.

An examination of the books showed that according to the witness he made entries for large amounts in his books to his own credit before he had paid out the money. The entries had been made some time ago but the accounts charged up had not as yet been paid.

The commissioner thought it an extraordinary method of bookkeeping. In the Boal charges of immorality the witness said he made reference of the matter to the committee. Before any action was taken by the committee he obtained a retraction. Mrs. Boal is a widow. He wrote her intimating that her son Fred was liable to an action for making the charges. He went to Sussex and saw Mrs. Boal and told her the consequences if a retraction were not made and if her son did not sign the letter withdrawing the charges which he left with her. After his return from Sussex, as he did not get the retraction, he wrote to Mrs. Boal threatening her son with a libel suit for \$1,000. The retraction the witness had written was then sent to him. He then showed it to the committee. That closed the incident.

The cutting of cord wood costs 80 cents a cord. The stumpage on Mrs. Woodbridge's for spruce wood would then be \$1.10 a cord. Mary Upham was a servant for a considerable period. He did not pay her any wages. The attention of the witness was called to the balance sheet of 1892. Supposed Mary Upham was the domestic paid in 1892. There was nothing due her when she died. Do not know what became of her money after her death. Mary Haley is paid wages. She was a servant a long time before getting any wages.

A large number of extracts were read from the annual reports of the institution showing that the deaf and dumb were morally and in all respects similar to hearing people.

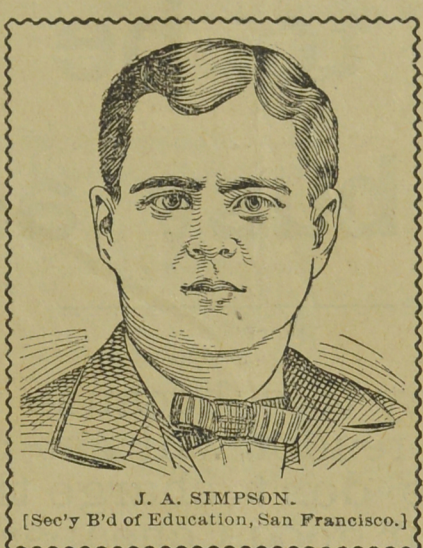
He returned Lizzie Haley to the educational department for full time in school. She did not receive instruction the full time in school as she was out working about the house.

He had no authority from the committee or any members to issue the circular letter in the name of the management regarding J. Harvey Brown. He had no direct information from Brown about any charges.

He had obtained statements from some of the pupils about the school before the Royal Commission made the charges known. Placed these before the committee.

At this morning's session Sheldon Pride, school teacher of Radolph, was called to the stand. He swore he had been connected with the institution from June, 1894, to October, 1899, and worked chiefly as collector. His territory was in New Brunswick, but did not include the counties of St. John, Restigouche and Gloucester. He once submitted a detailed list of expenses to the principal, after returning from a collecting trip. Could not say what proportion of the subscriptions remained unpaid, but there was a large percentage of the whole. As a teacher he would say that the mutes were in some respects in advance of speaking children. Mr. Woodbridge was generally in the school room when at home. Had seen the boys called out of school to run errands. The general character of the food given the pupils was good, wholesome and of sufficient quantity. The children appeared to be in good health and spirits. Had seen the girl pupils working about the institution before and after school; never saw any of them scrubbing. The children appeared to have a loving regard for Mr. and Mrs. Woodbridge. Mr. Woodbridge was firm in the school but never harsh. Speaking women did the scrubbing at the institution. Witness had the free run of the house and was paid a salary by the institution.

Cross-examined by Mr. Phinney the witness said he was connected with the institution almost continuously from June, 1894 to October, 1899. He was employed as collector with the understanding that he was to teach at times. He had graduated from the normal school just prior to joining the staff of the institution. His main business was collecting and he was to act as teacher. Had had no previous acquaintance with the habits of deaf and dumb children, but knew something of the sign language. Did not go into the work from philanthropic motives but as a means of making a living. He did not attempt to teach language but did give lessons to advanced pupils in history and geography. He usually took Mr. Woodbridge's class. Mr. Powers did some teaching but witness recognised his position as being similar to his own. Had seen him in the school room teaching. Witness taught in Mr. Woodbridge's place while he was writing his report. This would be during the winter season. Witness was never in the school continuously for more than two weeks. St. John city was given to Mr. Powers as part of his collecting territory because of his having more experience in the business. Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Prince and Miss Woodbridge constituted the teaching staff. He had always thought that Miss Woodbridge was very successful as a teacher, and as a rule her pupils made good progress. The witness was questioned at some length in regard to the time he had spent at teaching, but nothing of importance was elicited. He had resigned his position in September, 1899, and Howard Woodbridge was appointed in his place. Could not swear that young Woodbridge had acted as a teacher, as he did not see him teaching in the school, but knew he did some collecting. After witness was re-appointed he did not know whether Howard Woodbridge continued as collector or not. He found some of the pupils very bright and some rather stupid. Hattie Northrup and Della Green were among the brightest. He occasionally lost small articles from his room at the institution and suspected the girls who did the work, of having taken them. He had found some of the girls untruthful. Had never supposed that Mr. Prince was untruthful, or had admitted that he had sworn or that he had told what was untrue while giving evidence. Witness did not come to Fredericton at the solicitation of Mr. Woodbridge to give evidence, but came because he thought he would be needed as a witness. He had not had any communication about the case with deaf mute witnesses since the proceedings commenced. He had visited Long's Hotel on one occasion with Jimmie Neville with the object of taking a snap-shot of the girls, who were on the verandah at the time. It was too dark to take the snap shot, so he made a bluff at it. He spelled the words "villain," "traitor" and "circus-rider" on his fingers. He had heard that Annie Crozier, one of the girls, had been a circus-rider; had heard it since the investigation commenced, thought it was some member of Prof. Woodbridge's family who said so. Did not hear it while he was employed at the institution as a collector. When he called the girl a circus-rider, she didn't reply but made violent gestures. It was Monte Trenholm that

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he called a traitor. It was because of his action in coming to Fredericton to give evidence. The others on the balcony could see that he was addressing Trenholm. Witness was ordered to leave the place by Mr. Brown, who told him he had no business interfering with the children. In reply to Mr. Brown he said he believed Miss Crozier to be a perjurer. He had been told prior to that by Mr. Powers that Miss Crozier had told in evidence that the Archibald girl had only been in bed two weeks prior to her death. On the strength of that statement he had called her a perjurer. He had related the result of the interview to Mr. Woodbridge and Mr. Powers. He had seen the male pupils working in the garden at the old government house during school hours. Had had some of the boys working with him at different times on the farm at Forest Hill. They worked at dropping seeds. Did not remember who the boys were but Neville Trenholm was one. None of them did more than four or five days work altogether. Witness took his meals at the teachers' table of the institution. Did not know there was a dietary card at the table used by the pupils. Witness commenced work at a salary of \$150 a year and expenses, and at the end of his engagement was being paid \$300. Usually Mr. Woodbridge took witness' statement of collections and expenses when he returned from a tour. Would not say that usually subscriptions were well paid. He never gave Mr. Woodbridge a written abstract from his subscription books. Witness had frequently seen girl pupils working about the institution, assisting with the house work. Had heard Mrs. Woodbridge complain because Annie Crozier, who was employed as supervisor, spent too much time primping before the glass.

Adjourned until 2.15 o'clock.

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