

had a conversation with William Alexander the morning previous, and told him that there was nothing very definitely determined upon. I promised to see him again, and concluded inasmuch as he was disposed to get up a bill, I would go with him, and I thought myself prepared to enter into any lobbying that might be done.

Question. Then I understand from you that from the conversation you had with Gardiner, you concluded to enter into the lobbying?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you then, on the authority of Gardiner, make the proposition to Whitely?

Answer. No, sir, on my own authority; and afterwards mentioned to Gardiner that I had done so. He said I should not have done it, and went to Whitely afterwards and denied it.

Question. Did you lobby for the bill?

Answer. I did a little.

Question. Just explain how you did it.

Answer. I will say that I offered no money. I used my influence, and went so far as to tell some of the members that if this was a matter consistent for them to do, I would, in return, if I could, do anything for any measure they might wish to be got through by their friends. I had some acquaintance with nearly all the members, and of course used my efforts as far as I could, and I believe with as much honesty as most bills are got through with.

*By a member of the Committee.* Did you treat any?

Answer. I expect I did; I don't know that I spent a great deal.

*By Mr. Hambleton.* If you will befriend me, I will do what I can for you—that the bargain—so understood?

Answer. No, sir; I told them this was a measure in which I felt some interest, and if they could consistently do anything for it, I would, in return, do anything they might think it in my power to do for any of their friends.

Question. State how you felt an interest in it?

Answer. Because if it passed, I thought it might prove a benefit.

Question. State what prospective benefits?

Answer. No further than what I have stated in the conversation with Gardiner, in which he thought it would prove of interest.

Question. Has it proved of interest?

Answer. I do not know.

Question. Do you not hold an office?

Answer. I am at present receiver of the railroad.

Question. Was the amount of your lobbying to wait upon the gentlemen and say, if you will attend to this, I will do anything for you?

Answer. That is all; I was never asked by any member of the Council for money. I asked McPhail to lend his name to the bill. I told him it might prove an interest to him; perhaps I mentioned an amount of money?

Question. You mentioned an amount of money?

Answer. I think I only said it might yield him so much. That was before the names were entered in the bill.

Question. To what member of the Council did you remark, "If you will do this for me, I will return the favor?"

Answer. I don't recollect; I suppose I had a conversation with most of them—a great many of them any how. It was a general thing, not only with this but with other bills before the Council. The lobbying got so that I was afraid some of the friends of the different bills getting into squabbles.

Question. State whether or not you made propositions to anybody else than Whitely and McPhail.

Answer. I have no knowledge of making any other moneyed proposition to anybody.