

Answer. I believed the grant would be worth a great deal of money to whoever had it.

Question. Did you know Gardiner would get it?

Answer. No; but I knew he was a friend of a projected grant, and in the event of its being successful, would receive some benefit.

Question. What grant—the Travers?

Answer. Any grant; the bill had not been framed at this time; it was only in embryo.

Question. How did you know, if it passed, which of the friends would get it?

Answer. You are fully aware, as I am, that it was talked over that the thing would be sold.

Question. I am not aware of it; who talked it over?

Answer. The citizens.

Question. Did Gardiner talk it over?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Just name some others?

Answer. I cannot mention any names; it was common report—known to Mr. Hambleton as well as—

Question. I beg to say I knew nothing about it.

Answer. Well, I thought you did.

Question. Then you expected the friends of the various bills, if passed, would each get something?

Answer. The friends of the various bills.

Question. Where was it to come from?

Answer. I supposed a majority of the bills would be sold, because I believe, in most cases, the men named in them had not capital of their own.

Question. Gardiner was not named in any of the bills, was he?

Answer. No, sir, I did not know Gardiner in the matter further than a friend of the projected bill.

Question. Do I understand you, that beside the parties who were to get a consideration for the use of their names, there were outside parties who were to get a consideration?

Answer. I supposed, of course, they would not want to take it all themselves, after having friends to get through any particular bill.

Question. You presumed on their generosity?

Answer. Unquestionably, because there was a natural affiliation between the friends of the bill and those named. It was a general measure, and we all knew a great deal might be expected.

By Mr. *Alexander*. I understood the witness to answer in such a way as to lead the Committee to believe that James McPhail was a member of the City Council?

Answer. No, sir, he was not.

By a member of the Committee. I understood you to say you made a moneyed proposition to different gentlemen?

Answer. There were four, I think, in the whole.

Question. Did you know how they were to get it?

Answer. Only through the event of the success of either party, the thing might be sold.

Question. It might be so—you did not know it?

Answer. No, sir.

*William E. Beale called and examined by Mr. Pratt.*

Question. You were a member of the City Council, when this bill was passed?

Answer. I was.

Question. Do you know of any money being paid to any member of the Council; and if so, by whom?