

A. They were written by Mr. Smith, at various times, sometimes soon after, sometimes not so soon.

Q. From memory, or from memoranda?

A. In some cases from memoranda, in others from memory.

Q. It was your duty to read these minutes at the following meeting?

A. It was, and I never failed to do so. I conceived it to be the proper course, though there was no by-law to that effect.

Q. From what book did you read?

A. From the book which I called the rough minutes.

Q. When were these rough notes copied into the regular minute-book?

A. I can't tell; from time to time. I did not copy them myself, and therefore cannot tell.

Q. The regular minute-book was never read from at meetings of the Board?

A. At meetings of the Board I think not, but at meetings of the stockholders I think they were read.

Q. You would not see the rough minutes till a short time before you read them at the following meeting of the Board?

A. Sometimes I did, and sometimes not. When I wrote them up myself, I saw them, of course. When Mr. Smith wrote them, I sometimes read them soon after, and sometimes not until just before the meeting of the Board, but I always read them over myself before I read them to the Board.

Q. The object of those minutes was to record acts, and not conversation at the Board, was it not?

A. Yes.

Q. Whenever action was taken at the Board upon any matter involving property in which it was interested, it was recorded in the minutes, was it not?

A. I think it was usually. I cannot say certainly whether every proposal that was made in the Board, and which was not opposed, was recorded in the minutes or not. As to the word *action* in this question, I have to say, as I said