

the Act of 1855, such savings could not possibly go to the next of kin. The subject of discussion in the report was really the risk that if the lot of ground had been purchased, for a purpose within that Act, under a verbal promise made within the calendar month, it might then go to the next of kin. I recollect Mr. Williams saying very properly that if we thought that, it would be best not to let the public know it, and for that reason the Report was not entered upon the minutes.

Q. Please state how long the meeting lasted, and your reasons for any particular recollection on the subject.

A. My general recollection is that it was a comparatively short meeting. There was nothing done but the reading of the report, some observations by Mr. Williams, and some little discussion among the Directors. I have also a particular reason—I was then living at Chestnut Hill, and the trains in the afternoon left at quarter of six and at seven. I am confident I dined at Chestnut Hill on that day. I must, therefore, have gone out in the quarter of six train. For that purpose I would have left the Library, at the latest, at 5.20.

Q. Did Mr. Williams remain till the close of the meeting?

A. I can't say.

Q. Did you leave before the meeting adjourned?

A. No, I stayed till adjournment.

Q. Was the reading of the report one of the first things done at the meeting?

A. It was the first thing after getting a quorum.

*Cross-examined.*

Q. Was the committee of three continued after the meeting of June 10?

A. Yes.

Q. Did it ever report afterwards?

A. Yes. In the mean time we had seen Mr. Meredith, Mr. Geo. Biddle, and Mr. McMurtrie, with whom the subjects contained in that report were discussed, who concluded that it was not advisable to do more at the time than to express

