

Q. Was anybody urging upon you to sell out at that time?—Mr. Charlton was endeavoring to argue the question with me, but I told him that I was not prepared to do anything. Cotton said nothing.

Q. When you separated did you authorize any person to act for you?—Mr. Charlton made the remark that Mr. Cotton and he would talk the matter over as I was about to leave, and I said "You can do as you please, gentlemen; I will have nothing to do with it."

Q. This was Monday?—That was Monday, to the best of my recollection.

Q. Can you recollect the time of day?—I think that was pretty near noon.

Q. Is Mr. Charlton far astray in saying that it was night?—He is quite astray there.

Q. Were you approached again directly before you left?—Not after that.

Q. I suppose by this time you became aware of the position you stood in?—When I got to Ottawa I saw that I was pretty high, and there were several others lower than me.

Q. When did you become aware that one Committee had reported in favor of Mr. Mackintosh?—I heard that in Ottawa; I think I heard that on the Monday.

Q. Hearing that, did you make up your mind to any course?—Yes.

Q. Hearing that the contract had been awarded to Mackintosh, what course did you resolve to take?—I made up my mind to write to Mr. Hartney to tell him to send my cheque to Toronto and then I would leave for home; I abandoned all hope of getting the contract.

Q. Where did you write that?—My letter was written in Mr. Starrs' house, in the front room, up stairs; I did not copy it from anything.

Q. Any paper handed you by Charlton, Cotton or any person?—None whatever.

Q. Was there any person present when you wrote it?—Mr. Cotton may have been in the room or the next room to it, but there were the two sitting-rooms there.

Q. What did you do with it?—I handed the letter to Mr. Cotton and requested him to hand it in to Mr. Hartney, as he was going up that way; it was in an envelope; I think I sealed the letter.

Q. Is that letter now in the same condition in which it was when you gave it to him?—It is not; there are two lines that I never wrote, "Witness, James Cotton."

Q. Is that the 21st?—April 21st.

Q. Was that dated on the day it was written?—On the day it was written; since that I have had nothing to do with the matter whatever.

Q. Did you authorize Mr. Cotton to sell to get money for you before he delivered up that?—Never.

Q. Did you know that Mr. Cotton was going to try and get money before he delivered it up?—I did not.

Q. When did you first become aware that Mr. Cotton did get money for it?—Not till he said so to-day himself in the witness box.

Q. You heard of Cotton having got money?—Never before.

Q. Has any portion of that \$3,000 benefitted you in any way?—Not a cent.

Q. Have you got any of it directly or indirectly?—Directly or indirectly, it has not been placed to my credit in any manner.

Q. Had you any hand or part in the arrangement which Cotton made about this withdrawal?—Neither hand or part.

Q. You pledge your oath to the jury that you did not know there was any money to be received, and you declined to entertain any such proposal?—I do.

Cross-examined :

Q. Mr. Starrs never told you anything about this sum of money he held in trust till to-day?—Never; did not tell me anything about it yesterday or the day before.

Q. Any talk with him yesterday?—I did not know as I met him yesterday.

Q. The day before?—Yes; we had a talk the day before.

Q. He dined with you Sunday?—He did.

Q. At your house?—At my house.