

he saw me a few days afterwards on the Parliament Square, but I did not recollect seeing him again until the libel suit.

1320. Had you any conversation with Cotton after that time?—None—that is about the contract.

1321. Did Cotton give you any form of a letter of withdrawal in pencil which he thought would suit?—No.

*By Hon. Mr. Macfarlane :*

1322. When you delivered that letter of withdrawal to Cotton were there any conditions?—No conditions whatever.

1323. Entirely unconditional and without reference to the payment of any sum of money?—None whatever.

*By Hon. Mr. Haythorne :*

1324. Was it a mere accidental circumstance?—It was a mere accidental circumstance.

*By Mr. Ross :*

1325. If you had not met Cotton at Mr. Starrs', what would you have done with the letter?—I would have handed the letter myself to Mr. Hartney.

1326. Did Mr. Charlton offer you any definite sum of money for the withdrawal?—He did not.

1327. Did he say that you could get anything?—I think he said something might be made out of my tender.

*By Hon. Mr. Haythorne :*

1328. Upon what date was it that you handed him the letter?—I think on Monday, the 21st of April.

*By Hon. Mr. Reesor :*

1329. The next day after the interview with Rogers?—Yes. I think the interview with Rogor was on Sunday, and the next day Cotton came for me and we went to the hotel.

*By Mr. Ross :*

1330. Did Charlton say that if you did not withdraw the tender you could not get the contract, as his was ahead?—I have no recollection of any such remark.

1331. Did you think it necessary to write such a letter in order to get your deposit?—I thought it was, and especially as I wanted to have the cheque sent to Toronto.

1332. Did you say when you were leaving Charlton and Cotton, "Very well, I will leave the matter in your hands?"—Charlton said, "We will talk the matter over." This was just as I was about leaving, and I said, "You can do as you please: I will have nothing to do with it."

1333. Was Starrs present when you made that remark?—No; there was no one present but Charlton, Cotton and I.

1334. Is Mr. Starrs your agent in this city for any purpose?—He is agent for the *Irish Canadian*.

*By Mr. Trow :*

1335. Had you received any consideration up to this time?—any consideration for the withdrawal of that tender?—Not to the value of one cent.

*By Hon. Mr. Kaubach :*

1336. Did you expect any when you withdrew?—None whatever.

*By Hon. Mr. Macfarlane :*

1337. When did you first know that any money had been paid?—In the courthouse at Toronto.

1338. Up to that time you had not any knowledge of it?—I had no knowledge of it.

*By Hon. Mr. Reesor :*

1339. Did not Mr. Starrs inform you that certain notes had been deposited with him?—No.

*By Mr. Ross :*

1340. Did you prepare the tender yourself?—I did.