

of Cross-wall tenders. Have your arrangements right with Beaucage before result is known. I will give you timely notice."

Q. Now the one dated 17th May (Exhibit "D 2")?—A. "As I told you yesterday to try and get a good plan, and as quick as possible, in answer to the letter that Gallagher and Beaucage will receive about their tenders to bring them over L. & C., so as their contract will be the lowest. The contract will be awarded from Ottawa direct. I think I will go down Saturday." I was shown that at the time.

By Mr. Tarte :

Q. Now, that you have read the letters, will you tell the story as it is? Four tenders went in all, Peters', Gallagher's, Larkin, Connolly & Co.'s and Beaucage's?—A. What story do you want?

Q. How did you get that work?—A. We were instructed to have Gallagher ask for the withdrawal of his cheque or tender—to send a letter to Ottawa to that effect, and it was done. I met Mr. Thomas McGreevy in Dalhousie Street, Quebec, and he told me that he had promised Beaucage, after Robert McGreevy had got the assignment of the contract to him, that he would give him (Beaucage) \$5,000, and he wanted Larkin, Connolly & Co. to give it to Beaucage or else that he should get it from them to give to Beaucage. I then proposed that I would give \$25,000 if Larkin, Connolly & Co. got the contract.

By Mr. Edgar :

Q. Proposed to whom?—A. To Thomas McGreevy.

Q. Well?—A. Well, the result was we got the contract.

By Mr. Davies :

Q. You proposed to Mr. Thomas McGreevy to give \$25,000 to some one? To whom was that?—A. We proposed that we would give \$25,000 for it. It was to Thomas McGreevy I was talking.

By Mr. Amyot :

Q. If I understand you properly, Mr. Murphy, you had got Gallagher yourself to withdraw his tender. There then remained between your tender of Larkin, Connolly & Co.'s that of Beaucage's?—A. Yes.

Q. It was lower than yours?—A. Yes.

Q. Then Mr. McGreevy told you he had bought, or something to that effect, Beaucage's interest under a promise of \$5,000?—A. No.

By Mr. Edgar :

Q. Will you please repeat what he did say?—A. We knew at the time that Gallagher was the lowest, that Beaucage was the next and that we were the highest. But directions came to let us make some errors, if you please. When we got the result we found that Beaucage was over us and Larkin, Connolly & Co.'s tender was lower.

By Mr. Amyot :

Q. I want to understand what those \$5,000 promised by Mr. McGreevy to Beaucage were for?—A. To get Beaucage to give up the contract and to assign it to Larkin, Connolly & Co.

By Mr. Burdett :

Q. Was it done?—A. The assignment was made.

By Mr. Amyot :

Q. Then you told Mr. McGreevy that instead of giving \$5,000 to Beaucage, if he could manage things so that your tender would be accepted and the contract given to you that you would give him \$25,000?—A. Yes.