

Q. And Boyle had refused to sell out?—Boyle had refused to sell out or withdraw.

Q. His only offer was that if the tender reached him in the ordinary course, he would take in MacLean and Roger?—Yes; that was not entertained by MacLean and Roger: they were not present.

Q. Anything said by Charlton or you in answer to that?—I do not recollect; of course the offer that was made was not entertained in that way.

Q. It was not definitely refused?—There was no person there to refuse it.

Q. Nothing came of that proposal on his part?—No.

Q. Was it you or Charlton made that proposition?—I really do not know which of us made it; it might have been talked of between us both; I do not know which of us made it.

Q. Did you ever receive, at any other time, authority from Mr. Boyle to deal in this matter on his behalf?—Never.

Q. Did Boyle authorize you to negotiate with MacLean, Roger & Co., or any person, or withdraw his tender for a money consideration?—No.

Q. You remember getting the letter of withdrawal?—I do.

Q. Where did you get that letter?—In Ottawa. I do not recollect exactly where I got it; Boyle handed it to me to hand it in or send it in to Mr. Hartney.

Q. Was that the only purpose he gave it to you for?—That was the only purpose he gave it to me for.

Q. Were you authorized to take it to any person representing MacLean Roger & Co., or give it to them?—No directions from them to take it to any person, only send it to Mr. Hartney.

Q. What did you do? Did you take it to Mr. Hartney?—No; I handed the letter to Mr. Roger; he said he would take it up; I did not send it in; I sent it in by him, but did not give it in there directly; I might have handed it to any one going up there; as long as it was conveyed to him it amounted to the same thing whether I handed it in or not; I think it was Monday I got that; it was Monday or Tuesday; I think I read it when Mr. Boyle handed it to me; Mr. Boyle asked me if that would do to get his cheque; I think it was dated on the day it was written and handed in; Monday was the 21st, and I think it was dated on that day.

Q. Do you know why Boyle withdrew his tender?—He told me he was anxious to go home, and get his cheque, and he handed me the letter, and said he would leave next morning. He thought that the matter was decided, that Mr. Mackintosh had got the contract; it was understood by all parties at Ottawa that he had got the contract.

Q. You understood better?—I understood that if an arrangement could be made that Mr. Mackintosh would withdraw.

Q. Did you communicate that to Mr. Boyle?—I do not think I did; I think not. I do not think I would communicate that to Mr. Boyle. I was acting in Mr. Roger's interest, and I would not have mentioned the fact; I merely heard it of Mr. Roger.

Q. When you got this letter did you know whether you could make anything out of it?—I did not just then.

Q. Did you think you could make anything out of it?—I thought I could.

Q. Knowing how the matter stood, you thought you could?—Yes; I tried to make something out of it.

Q. How?—By giving it to Mr. Roger.

Q. And for that how much did Mr. Roger give you?—Roger did not give me anything; it was with Mr. Charlton I had the negotiation.

Q. How much did you get?—\$2,500 in notes, and \$500 in cash. I gave this up to Mr. Roger before I got it.

Q. At the same interview, or the same day?—It was the same day; it might have been the same interview—at all events, it was the same day. The notes were placed in Mr. Charlton's hands.

Q. How long did you get this from Mr. Boyle before you gave it up to Roger?—Perhaps two hours; it was the same day.