

Q. Are you aware that any of these gentlemen whom you have mentioned did ordinary Departmental printing?—No.

Q. He only made publication of advertisements?—I do not know whether he did or not. I am not prepared to say it was only publishing advertisements, I only speak of what was reported at the time; I do not meddle much in other people's business, and I never pried into this matter. I may say that I cannot see much difference myself, unless that I would suppose that the publication of advertisements would be much more in the nature of a contract than the execution of ordinary job printing, inasmuch as it usually extends over some specific time; an order is sent to publish a certain advertisement for one, two or three months, from day to day, or from week to week, as the case may be. I would regard this as being more of the nature of a contract than a job of job printing ordered to be executed within a day or two.

THURSDAY, 19th April, 1877.

Hon. D. A. MACDONALD, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and formerly Postmaster-General of Canada, was in attendance before the Committee, and gave under oath his evidence as follows:—

Q. I believe you were Postmaster-General—from what dates?—From about the 6th or 7th of November, 1873, until I was appointed Lieutenant-Governor.

Q. That was about ——?—About eighteen months after I was appointed Postmaster-General; I was appointed, I think, the 21st of May, 1875.

Q. When Postmaster-General, had you any communication with Mr. Anglin about Government printing in New Brunswick?—Not any that I have any recollection of; I have no recollection of communicating with Mr. Anglin on the subject except verbally; I met him after I concluded to give the printing, and I mentioned what I had done.

Q. When was this?—Shortly after the formation of the Government.

Q. Shortly after the formation of the Government you made up your mind to give him the printing?—I made up my mind to give the papers that supported the Government the printing of the Department.

Q. You met Mr. Anglin?—After I had decided to give him the printing, my recollection goes back, that I first ordered that the printing should be given to two papers in St. John; I do not recollect the other paper—the *Freeman* and another paper; shortly after I ordered that it should be all given to the *Freeman*; I then stated to Mr. Anglin that I had ordered the printing to be sent to his office.

Q. The printing of your Department?—The printing—all that was to be done for New Brunswick for my Department; Mr. Anglin coolly thanked me, and that was all.

Q. As I understand it then, at first you had given instructions to send the printing of your Department in New Brunswick to two newspapers, and changed your mind and resolved to give it to the *Freeman* alone?—I do not recollect how long the other paper had it.

Q. You made up your mind to give all the printing to the *Freeman* before you saw Mr. Anglin?—Before I spoke to him about it.

Q. Can you remember the date when you spoke to him about it?—I do not know; I do not know how soon after the formation of the Government I spoke to him, or whether I spoke to him the first time I met him after I made the change or not, I cannot say.

Q. It could not have been long after the formation of the Government?—I cannot state; it was, however, after the formation of the Government; I forget all about it; I do not recollect whether it was on the street or not; I do not recollect the date—whether one week or one month or two months, I cannot state.

Q. Did you send the order to the proper officer of your Department?—Yes; I ordered Major White to send the printing to the *Freeman*; I merely ordered that the printing to be done for the Department should be done by the *Freeman*.