

*By Mr. Trow :*

1454. Have they paid anything since that repudiation?—Yes; they have paid one note since that.

*By Hon. Mr. Reesor :*

1455. So that you do not apprehend that they will refuse to pay the balance?—I don't know, sir.

1456. Judging from the fact that they have already paid one, which they said they would not pay?—That is the natural conclusion I would come to.

*By Mr. Ross :*

1457. Have you been a partner with Mr. Cotton in any tenders for public works of any kind?—Yes. It was always understood that he was going in with me and other parties who tendered for work with me. His name never appeared upon the tender, but it was understood that he was going in.

1458. Have you been in partnership with Mr. Boyle in any works of that kind?—No, sir; never.

1459. You say that you were present while Mr. Cotton and Mr. Boyle were together?—I think I may have been in my own house, but not at any time when the printing matter came up.

1460. Had you more than one meeting?—I don't remember. Mr. Cotton has often been in my house, and when Mr. Boyle comes to Ottawa he always stops at my house.

1461. Did you know what brought Mr. Cotton to your house on these occasions?—No, sir.

1462. You were not aware that Mr. Cotton wanted to get Mr. Boyle's tender out of the way?—No, sir; I was not aware then.

1463. When did you know?—I became aware of it at the *Globe*-Boyle trial.

1464. Didn't you know before then that Mr. Cotton wanted to get Mr. Boyle's tender out of the way?—I did not.

1465. Didn't you hear before then that offers had been made to Mr. Boyle?—I heard in conversation that offers were made to Mr. Boyle, and I had a talk with Mr. Boyle myself in my own house, and he repudiated the idea of taking anything.

1466. He admitted receiving an offer?—I don't know that he admitted receiving an offer, but he hinted that he could get something.

1467. Your statement, then, is, that Mr. Boyle admitted, in your presence, receiving an offer, or being approached?—Something to that effect.

1468. Did he state from whom or by whom?—I don't remember that he did. I don't remember that he mentioned any names at all.

1469. Didn't he mention Mr. Charlton's name in connection with that?—I don't remember.

1470. Or Mr. Cotton's name?—I don't remember.

*By the Chairman :*

1471. Had you any conversation with Mr. Mackintosh in connection with these tenders?—Well, nothing more than a passing word on the street. I remember having a word with him on the street when I went down to the City Hall one day, but it did not amount to anything.

1472. Were you one of Mr. Boyle's securities for the tender?—I think so, but I would not swear whether I was or not. It is likely that I was.

1473. Was the conversation with Mr. Mackintosh to the effect that you had something to do with the withdrawal of Mr. Boyle's tender?—It was just a passing word. He asked, "Is Mr. Boyle in town?" and "Does he expect to get the printing?" I don't remember the words.

*By Mr. Ross :*

1474. Did Mr. Mackintosh ask you if Mr. Boyle expected to get this contract?—Well, I don't remember. I remember him asking if Mr. Boyle was in town. I said "yes;" and he said, "I suppose he expects to get this printing contract," or something to that effect.