

Cross-examined:

I could not tell you now, nor could I tell then, the prices that were put in, but I knew from what the members of the Committee told me; they advised me not to take it at those figures.

Q. No doubt you would have lost by it at those figures?—No.

Q. You did not know practically anything about it yourself?—I knew very little; I won't swear that the tender was made up by Roger, but my impression is that it was.

Q. Did you tell the Committee you were going to get \$3,000 for withdrawing your tender?—The statement that had been made that I had sold my tender was in the *Toronto Globe*, and that paper has libelled me most disgracefully; I have a paper of my own in Ottawa, the *Citizen*; in so far as the selling of my tender is concerned, I had no tender to sell; as I pointed out, my tender was Messrs. MacLean, Roger & Company's, except to the extent of the interest I had in it; we had a joint interest.

Q. You did not do anything to earn that \$1,200?—That is nothing you have to ask; it is a thing we settled.

Q. You are in the habit frequently of putting in tenders at Ottawa. How many tenders have you put in?—I have never put in a tender except that one since I went to Ottawa that I know of. The *Globe* has made these statements, but they are utterly false. I have always been interested in some tender where a friend of mine has tendered.

Q. Not a friendly interest like Mr. Cotton's, but a pecuniary interest?—At times.

Q. Sometimes as large as \$20,000 or \$30,000?—No.

Q. Will you deny that?—Positively deny that.

Q. As much as \$5,000?—I do not know that I may not have made that money, but I submit your Lordship that it has nothing to do with this case.

PATRICK BOYLE, sworn.—I reside in Toronto. I am a printer and publisher. I have resided in this city something like 35 years. I have been here since 1844, except one or two years. I remember tendering for this printing contract. That tender was an honest tender, I thought, at fair prices.

Q. Do you remember going to Ottawa to see about it?—Yes.

Q. Before you left for Ottawa, had you seen in the newspapers the position of your tender?—No; though, I think Mr. Donovan called my attention to the tender having been awarded to some person else. I had not noticed it myself. I went down to Ottawa to see about it.

Q. Was any approach made to you by Mr. Roger?—Yes.

Q. You remember when you got to Ottawa?—I think on Sunday morning.

Q. Did you know Mr. Roger at this time?—I never saw Mr. Roger up to that time to my knowledge till I met him in his own house. I got a message to go to his house. I understood Mr. Cotton had called. I went up accordingly.

Q. Was any proposition made to you there by Mr. Roger?—Yes. He made a proposition to the effect that he was prepared to buy me out. I told him that up to that time I had never done anything crooked, and that it was too late to begin now.

Q. It is said that an interview took place at O'Meara's shortly after?—Yes.

Q. Do you remember that interview?—Yes.

Q. Who got you to go there?—Mr. Cotton came for me. I went with Mr. Cotton. Mr. Starrs was not there. He may have been down stairs. I had an interview with Mr. Charlton.

Q. What was the substance of what took place at that interview?—I do not think I can give the words. The substance was this: That Mr. Charlton said that they thought something could be made out of my tender, and I replied to him pretty much as I replied to Mr. Roger the day before in Mr. Roger's house.

Q. Did you make any other proposition?—I told him, I think, that the only proposition I had to make, and prepared to enter into, was a partnership if I got the contract.

Q. Any reply to that?—I do not recollect a reply.