

Q. I observe he directed that cheque to be sent to Toronto. Do you know whether it was?—I think it was; the money was not drawn on it by Mr. Boyle.

Q. Are you sure about that?—I am positive about that; he sent it back to me; I have not got the cheque here; I am positive he did not draw that money; he sent it back to me just as soon as he received it, I believe; it came back pretty soon to me, and I forgot to mention that that was one of my reasons for advising Mr. Boyle to withdraw his tender; I was hard up.

Q. You did not object to take the custody of these notes?—It was a matter of very little importance to me, because my credit is never so far down that I cannot get as much as the amount of these notes that I have used.

JAMES COTTON, sworn.—I reside in Ottawa. I was residing there last April.

Q. Do you remember the time the printing contract was tendered for?—I do. I was living in Ottawa at that time, in Mr. Roger's house.

Q. Did you know that he had tendered for this contract?—He told me so.

Q. Do you remember when Mr. Boyle came down?—I do; Mr. Roger told me.

Q. Do you remember an interview at Mr. Roger's house on Sunday?—I do.

Q. Did you ever hear any offer made at that time by Mr. Roger to Mr. Boyle?—No; there was no offer made by Mr. Roger during this interview on Sunday. I was present. I remember being in O'Meara's hotel.

Q. Who were present at that interview?—Mr. Roger, Charlton, and myself, I think.

Q. What time was that?—I think that that would be on Monday. I think it was Monday. It was Monday, the 21st. I would not swear about that.

Q. Any proposal made to you by Mr. Roger, or by you to Mr. Roger?—None.

Q. Any authority given to you by Mr. Roger to deal with Mr. Boyle?—Mr. Roger wished me to negotiate with Mr. Boyle, if I could.

Q. For what purpose?—To buy his interest out. He did not authorize me to give any particular amount.

Q. Did you know that he authorized Mr. Charlton to do so?—I did.

Q. Were you present when he gave Mr. Charlton authority?—I suggested to Mr. Roger that perhaps Mr. Charlton might assist in the matter.

Q. Any particular amount mentioned?—No; none. I had no authority to negotiate with Mr. Boyle for any amount.

Q. You were just to try to get him to sell out?—Yes.

Q. Do you remember an interview that took place at O'Meara's hotel when Boyle was present?—Yes; I was there when Boyle was present. Mr. Charlton and myself and Mr. Boyle were present at that interview. Mr. Roger was not present. I would not be certain as to the time of day. I think it was afternoon. I won't say exactly as to the time.

Q. What took place at that interview?—Mr. Boyle was asked if he would sell out, or withdraw for a consideration, and he refused.

Q. Do you remember whether the offer was then stated?—There was no amount stated.

Q. What did Boyle say to that?—He said that he would not sell out; he said that he had never done anything crooked up to this time, and he would not sell out at all, but if the contract came to him he would negotiate about taking in Messrs. Roger and MacLean as partners.

Q. Do you remember what was said to that?—There was nothing definite took place in the interview at all; they parted as they met.

Q. Were you authorized by Boyle at that meeting to act for him in this matter?—No, sir.

Q. You were not empowered by Boyle to deal or negotiate in this matter?—No; I say that positively.

Q. Were you and Charlton asked to deal in the matter?—Not on behalf of Boyle.

Q. Then that interview broke up without anything being come to?—There was no arrangement come to.