

active supporter of the respondent, but there was no proof to establish any agency for the latter, and this was conceded by counsel for the petitioner.

A payment of \$5 by one Boyd to a voter was proved; Boyd made an explanation of it. The transaction was, to say the least, a very suspicious one, but it was unnecessary to make a finding as to whether the payment was corrupt. Boyd admitted having worked in the election for the respondent, of whom he was an old friend, but there was not sufficient evidence to make him an agent of the respondent.

Other charges were not proved, and in cases where the charges were proved the evidence of agency was insufficient.

A public meeting of electors had been called in the respondent's interest at a place near Cardinal. The respondent and Dr. Reid, Minister of Railways in the Dominion cabinet and federal member for Grenville, were to speak at this meeting. Dr. Reid had formerly lived in Cardinal, and his mother lived there. Before the meeting he and the respondent were dining at her house, when the local band, a voluntary organisation of musicians, came to the front of the house and played there. Dr. Reid handed \$30 to one Burchill, who was at the house, to be given to the band. Burchill went out and paid it to the bandmaster, who subsequently distributed it among the members of the band—10 in all. No previous arrangement for the visit of the band to the house was shewn to have been made, and no request for money was made on their behalf. The intention apparently was to honour their distinguished townsman of former days; it did not appear that the presence of the respondent in the house was known; and the respondent was not at the time aware of the payment. Dr. Reid had been a member of the band, and had always taken an active interest in it. It had been the custom of the band for many years to turn out on occasions of public interest and to pay compliments to individuals; and it was shewn that it was usual at such times to give some gratuity to the bandsmen. The amount given by Dr. Reid was not shewn to have been in excess of what was usual. Dr. Reid knew that among the bandsmen were men who were not likely to vote for the respondent; but it could not fairly be inferred that the election influenced his action. It was unnecessary to deal with the question of agency. The payment was not corrupt—it was attributable to Dr. Reid's sense of his personal position in the village where he had once lived.

One O'Brien said that he spoke to the respondent with a view to getting a position for his daughter as teacher in a city school. According to O'Brien, who was not of the same political party as the respondent, the respondent told him to have his daughter make application to the Department of Education, and he would