

By Mr. Ross :

1437. Mr. Boyle did not draw any money on that cheque, did he?—No, sir.

1438. Did you hold yourself fully responsible to Mr. Cotton for the money he placed in your hands?—For every cent of it. If he demanded it to-day, I would give him, in an hour's time, either the notes or the value of them. He holds my receipt, and consequently I am responsible to him.

1438½. Did Mr. Cotton tell you that he was making a good thing out of this printing contract?—I don't remember any conversation of that nature with him. I had very little conversation with him about the notes, only the day that he handed them to me I said, "Why not put them to your own credit?" I told you what he said, and any time since that that he wants anything, he comes and says, "I want so-and-so," and he gets a cheque for it.

By Hon. Mr. Reesor :

1439. What reason did he assign for putting the notes in your hands?—He did not assign any reason at all; I found that out myself. I thought since that he wanted to put them in my hands for some reason he had for not wanting to hold them a short time. Previous to that he and I were very intimate; we had put in a couple of tenders for Government work.

By Mr. Ross :

1440. Have you any business transactions with Mr. Boyle besides simply remitting money that you may collect for him?—No; none.

1441. Is Mr. Boyle indebted to you at present for any large amount of money?—I could not say that; I don't think he is. I think if our account was squared up now there would not be much difference.

1442. Five hundred dollars difference?—No; I don't think \$50.

By Mr. Trow :

1443. Is it long since you balanced accounts?—We never did.

By Mr. Ross :

1444. If Mr. Cotton would instruct you to pay part of that money to Mr. Boyle, do you consider that upon the conditions you got it, it would be proper to do so?—If Mr. Cotton told me to pay \$100 to-day to Mr. Boyle, I would do so.

By Mr. Trow :

1445. Or any one else?—Or anybody else, so long as he handed me a receipt for it.

By Mr. Ross :

1446. In what bank are these notes discounted?—In the Ottawa Bank—the last two or three are. The Union Bank, I think, discounted one of them.

By Hon. Mr. Reesor :

1447. The notes were drawn, I suppose, payable to Mr. Cotton, and endorsed by whom?—No, sir; they were made payable to Mr. Charlton, I think—to the order of Mr. Charlton. I don't think Mr. Cotton's name appears on them at all, if I remember well.

1448. In putting them in the bank, and getting them discounted, did you have to endorse them?—Yes. They would not discount them in any other way.

By Mr. Ross :

1449. So your name appears on all the discounted notes?—I think so.

By Hon. Mr. Reesor :

1450. The only endorsements, then, would be Mr. Charlton's and yours?—That's all, sir.

By Mr. Ross :

1451. Didn't you consider that you were taking some risk by endorsing these notes and drawing on them?—No, sir; I did not think so.

By the Chairman :

1452. Have MacLean, Roger & Co. said anything to you about the non-payment of these notes since?—No, sir; not a word.

1453. And all the knowledge you have that they wished to repudiate their payment is the fact that they have advertised it?—That is all.