

Q. When did you return the cheque?—It is marked here the 24th April. (Put in, Exhibit 18.)

Q. When did Mr. Charlton get his money back?—I am under the impression that that envelope is incorrect.

Q. When did Boyce get his money back?—It is marked here that the cheque was given to Mr. Smith on the 24th April, 1879.

Q. When did Mr. Lovell withdraw?—I am not aware that he withdrew. His cheque was returned on the 24th.

Q. Mr. Woodburn?—On the 24th.

Q. And the *Spectator* Printing Co.?—On the 24th.

Q. It was on the 24th that the contract was awarded, I believe?—Yes; on the 24th the matter seems to have been completed in that way.

Q. I see none of the withdrawals are witnessed; I suppose you did not require a witness?—No, sir.

JOHN CHARLES ROGER, sworn.—I am a member of the firm of MacLean, Roger & Co.

Q. For five years your firm has done the printing for the Houses at Ottawa?—Yes.

Q. Have you had the Departmental printing as well?—Yes, sir; I know Mr. Boyle. I have some letters from him in my possession; they are not relative to this.

Q. One is relating to the Ontario Departmental printing?—I produce one. This is the first. It is in Mr. Boyle's handwriting.

*Bethune, Q.C.*—I put this in, dated 12th November, 1878.

*McCarthy, Q.C.*, objects.

*Bethune, Q.C.*—I tender it with the object of showing that this was not a genuine tender of Mr. Boyle's.

\* *Witness*—I have another letter relating to the same matter.

*Bethune, Q.C.*—I ask to have this put in as evidence that it was not a good tender—to show that he was not able to take such a large tender.

*Osler, J.*—I shall not admit it.

Q. Produce another letter?—I produce letter dated Nov. 15.

*Bethune, Q.C.*—I tender the first one also for the purpose of showing the connection between Boyle and Cotton.

*Osler, J.*—At present I reject it.

*Witness*.—Our firm consisted of myself and Mr. MacLean. There is no third partner. I sent in a claim for the printing for the Houses; very likely on the 9th. I am not certain about the date. It was the day the tenders were asked for.

Q. Do you know what day they were opened by the Committee?—I do not recollect the date. I was not in the room. I ascertained what the tenders were.

Q. Did you see Mr. Cotton after that and before the 18th?—Mr. Cotton had been stopping with me; in fact, he was my guest for six or seven months. He was staying with me at that time.

Q. Were you aware, at the time of the opening of the tenders, that Mr. Boyle was tendering?—I was not aware.

Q. When did you first become aware that he had tendered?—I can scarcely tell you exactly; it was about the time they were opened.

Q. Had you any communication, by telegraph or letter, with Mr. Boyle?—Yes; I telegraphed Mr. Boyle; I think I have a copy.

*McCarthy, Q.C.*—I object; it cannot be used in evidence.

*Bethune, Q.C.*—I have given notice to produce it. At all events, witness, in consequence of some communication which passed between you and Mr. Boyle, did you see Mr. Boyle?—I did.

Q. Where?—In my own house at Ottawa.

Q. What day was it first after his arrival in Ottawa?—On Friday evening, in Ottawa, in my own house. Mr. James Cotton was present besides him.