

APPENDIX No. 1

been so informed.' By whose direction?—A. That is by the direction of the department, by the direction of the deputy minister.

Q. That letter was written by the direction of the deputy minister?—A. Yes.

Q. And did you inform Mr. Pearson that 27 cents was to be the price?—A. No, I cannot find that I informed him direct myself. I do not find anything on the record.

Q. Did you bring any correspondence?—A. I have got all the correspondence here that is in the department.

Q. I would like to have the correspondence in which there appears any letter by Mr. Pearson introducing the matter to the department?—A. I have no such letter as that. I have got the correspondence that is in the department, and the first communication is the instructions from the deputy minister.

Q. The instructions?—A. The whole return is there.

Q. Just show me what you have that is not on the file?—A. Well, I compared them both. I do not know whether these instructions are in the file. I do not think so. Those are the instructions from the deputy minister, and upon those instructions the letter of February 17 was written.

Q. Then am I to understand you as saying that all the documents in the possession of the department prior to the letter of February 17 is the memorandum of instructions from which that letter was written?—A. That is all in our department, in the records of our department.

Q. Then you are not able to say in what way the department received the information that Mr. Pearson had these ties?—A. No, I am not.

Q. And there is certainly no letter in the department from Mr. Pearson?—A. No letter in the records of the department from Mr. Pearson.

Q. There is no letter in the department?—A. No, there is no letter in the department.

Q. Did you since receiving the request to attend here and produce those letters make search?—A. I did. You will see what the chief clerk says at the bottom.

By Mr. Macdonald:

Q. Did ever such a thing happen that any person called at the department to inquire as to the requirements of the department or to offer supplies for sale?—A. Very often.

By Mr. Crocket:

Q. Are you able to say that Mr. Pearson did that?—A. No, I am not.

Q. I was referring to the letter of the 22nd February, in which you stated that after Mr. Pottinger had called attention to the fact that 27 cents was the highest price that had been paid for those ties, and that you were directed to say to Mr. Pottinger that the ties would be taken at 27 cents?—A. I was.

Q. And that Mr. Pearson had been so informed?—A. Yes.

Q. You are not able to state who informed Mr. Pearson?—A. No, I could not tell you; no, I do not remember.

Q. You so say in your letter?—A. I say in the letter that Mr. Pearson had been so informed.

Q. Have you that letter, or a copy of the letter which was sent to Mr. Pearson?—A. No, I have not.

Q. Is there any such letter?—A. I do not know of any such letter. It is not in the records of the department. The record clerk informs me there is none.

Q. Is there any telegram or copy of a telegram to Mr. Pearson?—A. No, I cannot find any.

Q. On the 23rd, the next day, you telegraphed to Mr. Pottinger?—A. That is right.

Q. 'Re your letter 19th inst. about Princess pine sleepers. I am to say twenty-