

APPENDIX No. 1

Q. But in some cases you were?—A. Yes.

Q. He said he could supply them at what figures? Do you recollect?—A. No, I cannot; but I think they ran from \$1.25 for No. 8 to \$2.75, or something like that.

Q. I suppose he told you the figures that he ultimately sent an account into the government for?—A. I do not know about that.

Q. Did you never examine into that?—A. No, sir.

Q. You have never seen the details of what he supplied them to the government for?—A. No, sir.

Q. Well, it was \$1.25 upwards; that is correct so far?—A. Yes.

Q. You were satisfied with those prices?—A. Yes, the prices he gave were much lower than I had got from other firms.

Q. Having been satisfied to that extent, did you tell him to go on?—A. No, not that day. It was probably a few days afterwards. I believe there was one other concern at the time that I did not have prices from and that I wanted to see if I could get prices from still lower.

Q. You wanted to see if you could do better?—A. Exactly.

Q. Ultimately you did tell him to go on?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. We have had the letters here before, I need not read them over again, but you wrote to Mr. Ogilvie and told him to send the order direct to Ellis?—A. Or to the Munroe Commission Company.

Q. Or to the Munroe Commission Company? I think you are wrong there?—A. At least I think so.

Q. I think you are wrong there?—A. Probably I am.

Q. Here is your letter of October 20 from the Munroe Commission Company per 'J.O.J.' It is here, that should be 'J.O'G.,' I suppose. You wrote the letter, I presume?—A. If I signed it, I think it is very likely I did.

Q. There is no one whose initials are 'J.O.J.,' appears in your firm, is there?—A. No, sir.

Q. You say in your letter, 'These prices are close, and we hope will be found low enough to ensure us the order, and you send order direct to Messrs. Barber-Ellis Company, Limited, Toronto, who have undertaken to do the work, and they will charge you direct at prices quoted.' You see you told him then to send the order to Barber & Ellis Company?

By the Chairman:

Q. Do you wish to see the letter, witness?—A. No, I do not think so. I think that is the letter as far as I recollect. I have no doubt that is correct.

By Mr. Barker:

Q. This letter has been produced by the department?—A. Well, I was speaking from recollection when I said that.

Q. I am not finding fault. I merely want to be accurate?—A. Yes.

Q. I want to ask you why you did not just ask Mr. Ogilvie to send you the order and let you get Barber & Ellis to do the work for you?—A. Why?

Q. Yes?—A. Because when discussing this matter with Mr. Ellis he went on to explain that the envelopes could be printed at Brantford, and saying that they would be shipped direct from there to Ottawa. By this time he knew who the order was coming from. When I first spoke to him he did not know who the order was for. This time I saw him I had shown him samples of the printing that was to go on the envelopes, so that he knew who the order was for, and he then explained about the envelopes coming from Brantford and that he would look after the shipping, &c. I cannot say whether I suggested it or whether he suggested it, I am not positive, that he would invoice them at the prices that I had given him. At this meeting I speak of I had shown him my prices. I said, that will be perfectly satisfactory to me as long as I get my commission; that was all I was concerned about.