

Q. I put in a letter from J. C. Boyce & Co., dated 19th April. Ex. 15.

Witness.—We received that.

Q. Also report of the Joint Committee, dated 24th April, 1879, Ex. 16. (Exs. 14, 15, and 16 read.) Have you a schedule annexed to this anywhere of the various tenders with their prices?—Yes; I produce it.

Bethune, Q.C.—I put in schedule, Ex. 17, showing the prices at which these various tenders were put.

Cross-examined.—These envelopes are those tenders. There is a schedule attached to the report, showing the amounts of the tenders. The first just shows the prices, and the other schedule has the prices carried out *in extenso*.

Q. What was the date of the advertisement calling for these tenders?—I could find it in that book there. I look at this book (reads from book). That was the authority to issue the notice, to call for tenders. I called for them by public advertisement. At the Committee on the 13th March, the form of tender was agreed upon. I am afraid I have not got a copy of the advertisement.

Q. Can you tell what time these tenders were to be in?—The advertisements were to be inserted for two weeks. The tenders were in fact opened on the 17th April. I numbered them in the order I received them.

Q. What was the deposit required—a percentage on the tender?—No, sir. The deposit for the printing was \$3,000.

Q. Do you remember what the deposit was for? What was the object of the deposit?—I presume for good faith. It was the first time that any deposit was asked for.

Q. I see Mr. Mackintosh was the lowest; then Mr. Hope; then Charlton; then Boyce; Boyle, No. 5; MacLean, Roger & Co., No. 6; John Lovell, No. 7; Woodburn, No. 8; "Spectator" Printing Co., No. 9; nine tenders seem to have been received which complied with the conditions?—Yes.

Q. The first report was on the 19th, the day after they were opened?—I think there is a little confusion. These tenders are referred to a Sub-Committee to make the calculation. That Committee reports to the General Committee, which, as a rule, adopts the report of the Sub-Committee, unless they want to make any change. One is included in the other. There was just merely a Sub-Committee's report on the 18th to the Joint Committee.

Q. Mackintosh's tender being the lowest, it was accepted, and you were directed to notify him to put up the security?—Yes, sir.

Q. What was the security that he had to put up?—\$5,000.

Q. Do you remember in the first place when you notified Mackintosh of that?—I think the day is mentioned there.

Q. Six days to put up the security to enter into the contract. It was a Committee of both Houses?—Yes.

Q. Composed of Members of both parties.

Q. Who was the Chairman?—Hon. Mr. Simpson of Bomanville on behalf of the Senate, and Mr. Stephenson on behalf of the Commons.

Q. If Mr. Mackintosh had not put up his security or entered into the contract by the 24th, what would next have been done?—I cannot say.

Q. What would be the ordinary course? The usual course followed then?—I could not say. They award the contract to the lowest tender; could not say if they would carry that principle through. I do not think we have any precedent in the case.

Q. You cannot say whether the next tenderer, Mr. Boyce, would have got the same time?—I cannot say, sir.

Q. That of course is a mere matter of speculation?—I suppose so.

Q. If that principle were followed out, Mr. Hope would have a chance?—That I cannot say; because if there was a number of them refused, it would exhaust the whole Session.

Q. Have you got the other tenders here besides those put in?—I merely brought those relating to printing; I did not bring those relating to binding. I produce the remaining tenders. No. 6 was withdrawn by letter.