

- Q. He was at that time staying at Mr. Roger's house?—He was.
- Q. He was then his guest?—Yes.
- Q. Were you there, too?—No.
- Q. Where were you?—I stopped at O'Meara's hotel.
- Q. Did you go to Mr. Starr's house for the purpose of seeing Mr. Boyle?—Yes; that was after Mr. Boyle had come to me.
- Q. He came to you! Where?—At O'Meara's, where I stayed.
- Q. You do not know how he came there?—He came there with Mr.——
- Q. You do not know by what means?—I cannot say anything about that.
- Q. He came there with whom?—Mr. Starrs and Mr. Cotton.
- Q. Are you sure about that—be careful? I want you to be careful; or have you forgotten it? Do you not recollect it very plainly?—Yes; Mr. Starrs was there; I have no doubt about that; I swear to that positively, even if Mr. Starrs swears the contrary—even if Mr. Cotton should swear the contrary, and Mr. Boyle; it is a very hard thing to do; if you see the three of them it is calculated to shock one's recollection of a fact that is not very important. To the best of my recollection he was there.
- Q. You may be mistaken as to that?—I am positive he was there.
- Q. What time of day was it?—In the evening.
- Q. What time in the evening?—After the lamps were lit.
- Q. And it would be in the night, I suppose?—It must have been after 8 o'clock.
- Q. Where was it?—It was in my room in O'Meara's hotel, upstairs—my bedroom.
- Q. Did Starrs go up to that room?—Yes.
- Q. And was he in the room during the conversation?—He was.
- Q. Although a silent spectator, you remember his being there?—Yes.
- Q. Cotton and Mr. Boyle all there?—Yes.
- Q. You opened the matter, did you?—I do not think I did; Mr. Cotton opened the matter.
- Q. Had you and Cotton any communication before this?—Yes.
- Q. Did you know that Cotton was desirous of trying to get Boyle to withdraw?—Yes.
- Q. Did you understand that you and Cotton were working in Mr. Roger's interest?—No; I did not.
- Q. You did not understand he was working on account of his friendship for Roger in the same interest?—I think he was desirous that Roger should get the contract. I am quite sure he was.
- Q. He was anxious, and you were anxious, to get the others out of the way so that Roger should get the contract?—Yes.
- Q. What did Cotton say?—Cotton said that Boyle was very ticklish—that he wanted to be very careful about having his name mentioned in it.
- Q. You pressed him and offered him \$3,000?—Yes.
- Q. No mistake about that at all?—Not at all.
- Q. You then and there offered Boyle \$3,000 if he would withdraw his tender?—Yes.
- Q. The only condition annexed to it was simply the withdrawal of his tender?—No.
- Q. What did he say to that?—He said he would not do it.
- Q. What reason did he give?—He said that, publishing a newspaper in Toronto, if the matter got out it would injure him.
- Q. Did he say he had done nothing crooked in his life up to this time, and he was too old now?—Yes; he said something about that. He positively declined my offer. I do not remember if I told him how it would be paid. It would be paid all right.
- Q. He was willing, if the contract came to him, to take MacLean and Roger into partnership with him; that they should have the benefit of three-fourths or two-thirds of his tender?—Yes; that he was willing to do and that he was anxious to do.