

1386. They amounted to this, that they furnished you money when you wanted it?—But if they were not there I could have given others.

1387. But you got the money when you wanted it?—I did.

*By Mr. Trow :*

1388. What was the amount of the notes?—Five notes of \$500.

1389. Have you drawn the whole amount?—No; there is one that is not discounted yet.

1390. They were bearing different dates?—Yes; they were at three, six, nine, twelve and fifteen months.

1391. Those matured have been paid?—Yes.

1392. How many are there still unpaid?—Two; one comes due on the 26th or 29th of this month.

*By Mr. Ross :*

1393. Did Mr. Cotton tell you how he got these notes?—He did not.

1394. Do you know how he got them?—I had my opinion of how he got them.

1395. What did you think?—I thought they came from MacLean, Roger & Co.

1396. For what purpose?—I certainly thought that they had given them in connection with this printing contract.

1397. Did you know that Mr. Cotton was not a tenderer?—I did not.

1398. Did you know that he was a tenderer?—I did not.

1399. Did Mr. Cotton tell you that MacLean, Roger & Co. were paying money to certain parties in connection with this printing contract?—He did not. That is about the sum and substance of all I know in connection with this transaction.

*By Mr. Trow :*

1400. Were you on friendly terms with Mr. Boyle then?—Yes.

1401. And still are?—And still am.

1402. Did you ever write to him in reference to his deposit?—I don't remember doing so.

1403. Did you ever pay him any money on it?—Never.

1404. Did he ever draw on you?—No. He asked me for the loan of some money and I sent it to him.

1405. On this transaction?—No; not on that.

1406. You had other transactions with him, had you?—Oh, yes; time and again.

1407. Well, how did you place this loan in your books?—I am in the habit of paying him money almost every month.

1408. For what?—I act as agent for his paper, and I collect a great deal of money for him.

*By the Chairman :*

1409. Subscriptions, advertisements, etc?—Yes; I think I have sent him some thousands of dollars.

*By Mr. Trow :*

1410. Have you paid Mr. Cotton much out of this \$2,500?—I paid him just as he asked it.

1411. Does he ask much at a time?—About \$50. He draws about \$50 a month. Of course, he sometimes draws more than that.

1412. Do you know how you stand now?—I could not say.

1413. The balance is in your hands?—Yes, of the notes payable.

*By the Chairman :*

1414. A thousand dollars remains unpaid?—Yes; there is a \$500 note not yet discounted, and the other note becomes due in two or three days.

*By Mr. Trow :*

1415. Do you anticipate any trouble in the payment of the notes yet unpaid?—I don't know. It doesn't make any difference to me.

1416. Have you heard anything?—When I was up in Toronto, at the suit between Boyle and the *Globe*, I heard that they were repudiated at that time, and that notice was given in the press.