

Q. You and the General have that scheme on hand?—I went down with him to assist him.

Q. To procure the sale to the Dominion Government of the North Shore Railway?—I see that said in the *Globe*, but I don't believe the *Globe*. I say that such an idea never came into my mind, and I never heard John Hewson say anything of the kind; on the contrary, I was opposed to it, and advised by leading politicians in Toronto that it would be a very wrong act for the Dominion to buy the North Shore Road. I did so more than a month ago when the Hon. Mr. Mowat was in Ottawa.

Q. Tell me where it was you got Mr. Patrick Boyle to sign this letter of withdrawal?—I never got him to.

Q. Was not there a memorandum, written by Mr. Charlton on paper, which you read to Mr. Patrick Boyle?—No.

Q. You were not in Court, and did not hear all that took place?—No matter. There was no memorandum written. Mr. Charlton and I talked of the memorandum. We talked about the memorandum that day or the day before. This memorandum was that Mr. Boyle would sell out. He wrote a letter to that effect.

Q. Did he write with pencil or ink on paper the kind of letter which was to be signed by Mr. Boyle?—He may have, but I do not recollect.

Q. Did not you carry this paper to Boyle and get him to put it in the shape we have it now?—I did not.

Q. Were you there when Boyle wrote his letter of withdrawal?—I actually won't be sure whether I was there, or whether he wrote it when I went there, but I did not see him write it.

Q. How long after was it when he closed the interview by saying "Ye'es might do it as ye'es liked?"—I really cannot tell you; it might be the next day.

Q. Have you any doubt it was the next day?—Won't swear positively; I cannot recollect.

Q. Did you get the \$3,000 from either Charlton or Roger?—I understood that Charlton would give that amount if he got the letter.

Q. And therefore you were very anxious to get the letter?—Certainly, I was.

Q. What persuasion did you use to get Mr. Boyle to sign the letter?—He proposed to do it. He did not see any chance of the contract coming to him. I won't be positive how long before it was. I won't be positive if it was as early as Sunday. It might be Sunday or Monday. I know I spoke of it. I was very friendly with Mr. Boyle. I was on friendly terms with him.

Q. You and he had gone into a venture shortly before that in connection with printing here?—No printing at Toronto. We talked of going into that.

Q. Of course you did not intend to cheat Boyle?—How cheat him.

Q. In this transaction?—Manufacturing.

Q. Yes; you were not going to play false to him?—He proposed withdrawing, and he gave me the letter. I did not ask him if he would take any part in the \$3,000. I did not see it was necessary.

Q. How came you to select Mr. Starrs as the depositor of these notes?—Mr. Starrs and I had tendered for works frequently, and it was necessary to have it deposited, and these notes would be to any banker security for advancing further. I intended to keep them in the bank for my benefit. Of course Mr. Starrs would supply his proportion.

Q. Did you ever borrow any money from Mr. Starrs?—I have borrowed. I have a large account with Mr. Starrs.

Q. Extending over what time?—A length of time.

Q. Had you any account before these notes were got with Mr. Starrs?—I do not think I had.

Q. And since then you got various sums of money from him?—I have.

Q. Did you borrow money from him?—No, sir; I did not. He gave me credit for the proceeds of these notes; and I keep an account of them from my groceries, and any moneys I want.