

give the papers to her when the three weeks spoken of before examination should have arrived.

Before closing the case I may be allowed to add that as the Superintendent, being a sworn officer of the Government and has been spoken of during the course of this trial as always on his oath, any statement which he may make may on this account be regarded as worthy of more credence than an ordinary statement. I wish it to be understood, therefore, that the statement which I now make I regard as equivalent to sworn testimony, and such as I am prepared to make on oath before any tribunal. I accordingly testify that for the last two years and a half irregularities have constantly come under my notice in connection with the work of the examination which I would long ago have considered sufficient to bring to your notice, as I regarded them sufficient to warrant his removal. I was deterred, however, from doing so by the personal advice of my brother, to whose notice I had brought every detail of an irregular nature from the time when irregularities first became known to me in the office. The irregularities complained of in the charges preferred and now under investigation were of so heinous a character as he regarded admitted of no longer being kept secret, and by his direction I brought them to the notice of Messrs. Hill and Robertson in September last. With respect to the envelopes which I claim to be duplicated, I am willing to attest that as far as regards No. 98, Station W, the torn and mutilated envelope is the original envelope which contained the candidate's work when it came into the office, and that along with it I took the fragments or pieces of No. 25, Station W, and No. 24, Station G, from the stove in the office.

I also assert that the record which I took of envelopes before they passed to Mr. Hunt's hand was a true record of the valuation of the Examiners as presented by the envelopes when they came to the office, and that the figures which they now bear are alterations made by the Superintendent, as indicated by their correspondence with the memos. as made out by him.

If the evidence which I have adduced of the truthfulness of my statements and of the charges preferred be not regarded by you as sufficient evidence of such truthfulness on the one hand and guilt on the other, I feel it to be my duty to ask, not only in order that I may be myself exonerated, but for the satisfaction also of the Government, that one and all of the Provincial Examiners be called in, and the disputed papers submitted to each one in turn and separately without the envelopes, in order that such a valuation may be given them as in the judgment of each Examiner they are entitled to receive.