

- Q. Did you intend to keep it as a trust account?—Certainly.
- Q. All that you used of that money is what you gave Mr. Cotton?—And what I used myself. I am responsible, my dear friend, for every dollar of it.
- Q. You believed then that these notes belonged to Mr. Cotton?—Yes, sir; I did not know anything at all about it.
- Q. Did you believe then that these notes belonged to Mr. Cotton, personally?—I just took them. I asked no questions whatever.
- Q. You knew that Mr. Boyle had signed a letter of withdrawal?—I did.
- Q. You knew that that was entrusted to Mr. James Cotton?—Yes.
- Q. You knew he came back afterwards with MacLean, Roger & Company's notes for \$2,000?—Yes; I knew nothing about these notes being given for the procuring of that letter.
- Q. Will you swear upon your oath that you did not believe when these notes came back that they represented the price of the withdrawal of that tender?—I did not know anything of the kind.
- Q. Did not you believe, when these notes came back, that they represented the price of the withdrawal of that tender: on your oath as an honest man?—How was I to know.
- Q. What is your belief?—I believed that they were remunerating to Mr. Cotton. I got them from Mr. Cotton.
- Q. Were you more friendly to Mr. Cotton or to Mr. Boyle?—I am friendly to both of them. I have had a good deal of business with both of them.
- Q. What did you mean by saying that they were put into the bank as security for some tenders for you?—I mean exactly what I say.
- Q. They were to be used as security for contracts you and Cotton were going to tender for?—Yes.
- Q. How do you reconcile that with your statement about holding it in trust?—I cannot see any inconsistency.
- Q. Have you tendered for any work?—We have.
- Q. When?—Time and again.
- Q. Since you got these notes?—Yes.
- Q. When?—More than once.
- Q. What work?—We tendered for different works.
- Q. What work?—We tendered for the St. Anne's improvement.
- Q. Who tendered for that? Who put in the tender?—Well, there was different parties tendering with us. Mr. Boyle was not one of them. I disremember the names of the others. Cotton was one of them.
- Q. What connection had these notes with that tender?—They served as security in the bank when we wanted an accepted cheque for \$2,000 or \$4,000.
- Q. Did you use them on any other occasion?—Well, we were going to tender—
- Q. Is there anything else?—Yes. We tendered to three or four or five.
- Q. In what bank were they?—In the Union Bank and in the Ottawa Bank.
- Q. These notes did duty in that way?—In that way.
- Q. Then you thought that Mr. Cotton had made something out of MacLean, Roger & Co. by getting the withdrawal of this tender?—Had not the least doubt about that.
- Q. Had not the least doubt he made \$3,000?—Yes.
- Q. And you have not the least doubt you made something out of that?—Not a dollar. I hold myself responsible for it. If I had not those notes, my credit is perfectly good. I did not make a dollar.
- Q. Did not you think this pretty hard on your friend, Mr. Boyle, that Cotton should be making the money out of him in that way?—Had not any opinion.
- Q. Perhaps you have now?—I knew just about as much about the transaction then as I do now, and that is that Mr. Boyle always repudiated the idea of selling out. I do not know what Mr. Cotton did with his money.
- Q. What occasion was it he told you to give John Hewson the \$15?—I think he was in Ottawa and short of funds, and I think Cotton asked me to give \$15 to Mr.