

the money under any other circumstances. There are one or two other places in the evidence where Cotton says he had communication with us. Cotton and myself were not on friendly terms (I say that to strengthen my denial), because we found he was conspiring against our firm, and against me personally, and, of course, we had no communication in any way with him.

1520. Do you remember whether, about the time this arrangement was being made, a suggestion was made to you or your firm that Cotton would be more likely to succeed in getting this arrangement made with Boyle on account of his intimacy with him?—It has been stated in evidence that Boyle repeatedly refused to take any money consideration or sell his tender, and it came out in evidence that it was supposed Cotton could assist materially in inducing Boyle to accept the \$3,000.

1521. Do you remember having made a statement of that kind?—I think you will not find that in my evidence; it must have come from some other witness. It might have been our impression that Cotton could assist. We had reason to believe that he was in with Boyle and a party to his tender, and that with Boyle he had tendered for Ontario work some short time ago. We knew there was an intimacy between them, and that he must have influence with Boyle. We thought that was shown by Boyle putting Cotton forward as his agent.

*By Mr. Ross :*

1522. Question 363 runs as follows :—“Through whom did you make the payment to Mr. Boyle?—It was our impression that we were paying it to Mr. Boyle through Mr. Cotton and Mr. Charlton.” You were asked in the next question, “For what purpose?” and your reply was, “We understood it was for the withdrawal of the tender?”—That should have been “through Mr. Charlton and Mr. Cotton,” if that would make any difference. We understood the money and notes would have to go through those parties to Mr. Boyle, because he had no direct communication with us in the matter.

1523. You don't recognize Cotton as an agent?—I distinctly deny, in the most positive terms in which it is possible to deny anything, that Cotton was our agent, notwithstanding that answer.

*By Hon. Mr. Aikins :*

1524. What reason had you to understand that Boyle would accept the money?—We understood so from Charlton. It has already been given in evidence that Boyle told Charlton that if such arrangement was made, he would stand by it.

1525. No such evidence has been given here?—There is evidence to that effect. The statements conflict in that respect.

*By Mr. Trow :*

1526. Did not Cotton reside with you at the time?—No; he never resided with me. I think he was residing with Mr. Roger at the time, or had been some time before, but not since.

The evidence was then closed.

A. MACLEAN.