

Q. Have you any doubt, from looking at these notes, that whatever it was it occurred on the 23rd April?—That is my signature. I would not swear that that was the day it was cancelled. I would not swear whether that was the date.

Q. Have you any reason to doubt that you did cancel it on the 23rd April?—No; I have no reason to doubt it.

Q. Did MacLean, Roger and Company owe you any money at that time?—No.

Q. Notes were handed to you by Cotton, on the 23rd April; who was present?—No person.

Q. Where were they handed to you?—In my own shop.

Q. At what time of day?—I do not remember.

Q. Any receipt given to Mr. Cotton for the notes?—Yes, sir.

*McCarthy, Q.C.*, objects.

Q. I will drop that at present. Do you know the signature of Mr. Boyle—his handwriting?—That is it, sir.

Q. Do you know Cotton's handwriting?—No, sir; I do not. That is Mr. Boyle's handwriting—to Ex. 11.

Q. Did you see Mr. Charlton in Ottawa during the 21st, 22nd and 23rd?—I did.

Q. Where?—Well, I met him on two or three occasions.

Q. Where was the first occasion?—I disremember.

Q. Somewhere in Ottawa?—Yes.

Q. Do you remember what time it was that you met him?—I do not.

Q. And you cannot tell us the place you met him?—No; I would not swear to where I met him. I met him two or three times, but the places I cannot remember just now. I met him on the street, with two or three parties as usual, sometimes one or two with him, and I do not remember, but perhaps I met him alone.

Q. Have any conversation with him during these days?—Yes; I think we mentioned something. I think, if I remember, that it was in Mr. O'Meara's saloon. I cannot remember the day. I do not remember of any person being present on that occasion.

Q. What were you doing on that occasion at O'Meara's?

*McCarthy, Q.C.*, objects.

*Osler, J.*—I think I shall allow the question, subject to the objection.

Q. What did you go to O'Meara's for on that occasion?—To O'Meara's the way I go to any other saloon occasionally, and I met Mr. Charlton there. I swear that I went there simply casually. I did not go for the purpose of meeting any person.

Q. You met Charlton there?—Yes.

Q. Anybody beside him?—Not that I remember.

Q. Where was Mr. Boyle at that time?—I think he was in Ottawa.

Q. Can you fix any more nearly the date?—I cannot.

Q. How long were you with Charlton at this interview at O'Meara's?—Not more than ten minutes, I should say.

Q. Was Cotton present at that interview?—No, sir; I do not think it.

Q. Was this before or after the meeting between you and Cotton in your shop; earlier or later in the day?—I do not remember whether it was before or after.

Q. Was that the first time you saw Charlton on the subject of this tender?—I do not know.

Q. Had you at any time any conversation with Mr. Charlton upon the subject of this tender?—Once; the time that I met him in Mr. O'Meara's.

Q. When did you first know at Ottawa that Mr. Boyle had sent in this letter of withdrawal, dated 21st April.

Q. Did you know of that before this interview at O'Meara's?—I do not remember that.

Q. Who told you about the letter being sent in?

*McCarthy, Q.C.*, objects.

Q. Did Boyle tell you about this letter of withdrawal having been sent in?—Yes; he told me that in my own house.