

Q. You knew you did not tender in Larkin, Connolly & Co.'s tender for labour and material both, but tendered only for one?—A. The tender was for labour and material both.

Q. In Larkin, Connolly & Co.'s tender?—A. In the whole three of them.

Q. Then there was no mistake made and no change from the specification?—A. It was not a mistake. You understand one thing and I another.

Q. But you said a few minutes ago that there was a mistake made in these tenders?—A. There was evidently a mistake.

Q. What was the mistake?—A. It is for him to say.

Q. What was the mistake?—A. That we had not price enough for the sheet piling in line of work and if we intended that for dollars or cents.

Q. Hadn't you enough?—A. We thought we had enough, but it was for other people to think different.

Q. What I want to know is, that you said a few minutes ago that there was a mistake made about it; but now you say there was none, so far as you know?—A. No.

Q. Not in Larkin, Connolly & Co.'s tender?—A. I am speaking of Larkin, Connolly & Co.

Q. Was there any made in Gallagher's or Beaucage's?—A. The prices were the same only a little elaboration, as it was the same parties.

Q. Will you say there was no mistake made intentionally in this?—A. I think not.

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Q. Was there any correction made intentionally?—A. Those are things that it is hardly fair to put to me now. It is a long time ago.

Q. The tender was so many cents in each case per lineal foot. You have read a letter from Mr. Perley drawing attention to what he calls an evident error in that. He said it was an evident error in his letter?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you know whether Gallagher and Beaucage received similar letters from Mr. Perley?—A. Gallagher's tender was withdrawn. At this time it was not necessary.

Q. Larkin, Connolly & Co. received a similar letter?—A. Yes.

Q. In answer to that letter, did Larkin, Connolly & Co. make any correction of what Mr. Perley called an error?—A. No.

Q. What did they do?—A. We dictated a letter something like this: "Notwithstanding,"—

Q. You made no correction?—A. No; as near as I can recollect we dictated a letter like this: "Notwithstanding that there is an error in this thing we will, if the contract is awarded still adhere to the tender."

Q. As to the Beaucage tender what was done in reply to Mr. Perley's letter? Was it allowed to stand as it was?—A. It was changed from twenty cents to dollars. It was made dollars instead of cents in the Beaucage tender in the letter to Ottawa.

Q. With what object and with what effect was that change made?—A. We were informed that that would bring it over Larkin, Connolly & Co. and give us the contract.

Q. Who informed you that?—A. Thomas McGreevy.

Q. I see these letters were dated Ottawa. Did he go to Quebec to see you?—A. Quebec. Yes.

Q. Did you see him in Quebec?—A. Yes.

Q. Did you get that information from him there?—A. I got it first from Robert and from himself afterwards.

Q. Was it before or after you got that information that you sent in answers to Perley's letter?—A. After.

Q. And the effect, what was it?—A. We got the contract.

Q. It put Beaucage higher than you and you got the contract?—A. We got the contract.