

1243. And you distinctly understood, when you were paying Mr. Cotton that money, that it was to go to Mr. Boyle?—Certainly.

1244. Did Mr. Cotton ever tell you, subsequently, what he did with that money?—He did.

1245. What did he say he had done with it?—He told me, when he was summoned to go to Toronto to the *Globe*-Boyle trial, that he had not given any to Mr. Boyle. I was rather surprised to hear that.

1246. You were under the impression that it had been given to Mr. Boyle?—Yes, up to that time.

1247. Did you receive any money yourself for the service which you rendered to MacLean, Roger & Co. in connection with work?—No sir; none at all.

1248. Do you expect to receive anything?—No, sir.

By Mr. Trow :

1249. Did you receive any money from Mr. Hope?—No, sir. I gave him \$1,500 in notes, and I got \$50 in cheque back. I handed that over to Mr. Roger or Mr. MacLean. That is how the amount which Mr. Hope got comes to be \$1,450. There were fifteen notes of \$100 each, which I gave to Mr. Hope.

By Hon. Mr. Bureau :

1250. Did you get a receipt from Mr. Cotton when you gave him the money?—No, sir.

1251. Was there any witness?—Yes, sir; Mr. Roger was present.

By Hon. Mr. Wark :

1252. Was it on that occasion that he handed the letter of withdrawal to Mr. Roger?—Yes, sir.

By Mr. Ross :

1253. Did you have an interview with Mr. Boyce about the withdrawal of his tender?—No, sir; I don't know Mr. Boyce at all.

By Hon. Mr. Macfarlane :

1254. You put in a tender yourself?—I did, sir.

1255. For what purpose was your tender?—I tendered for the purpose of assisting MacLean, Roger & Co. I thought they were in a very peculiar position. They had everything that they owned invested in plant here, and this plant, if they did not get the contract, would be of comparatively little use to them, and I thought, as a friend of Mr. Roger that I ought to assist him.

1256. Then the Committee are to understand that all the interest you took in this matter was entirely in the interest of MacLean, Roger & Co.?—Yes.

By Hon. Mr. Reesor :

1257. Was the \$3,000 you paid to Mr. Cotton in notes?—It was partly in notes. There was a cheque for \$500 endorsed by me, and five notes of \$500 each, also endorsed by me. The reason I endorsed the cheque and notes was, that Mr. Starrs and Mr. Cotton had an interview with me, and they did not want the payment to Mr. Boyle to appear, and I volunteered to endorse the notes to make them negotiable without Mr. Boyle's name appearing on them.

1258. They could be used without the other names being on them?—Yes.

By Mr. Ross :

1259. Was Mr. Starrs present when you paid the money to Mr. Cotton?—No.

By Mr. Trow :

1260. Did Mr. Boyle give you any authority to negotiate for him with Mr. Roger?—I understood that I was acting for Mr. Roger in the matter, and that Mr. Cotton was acting for Mr. Boyle. I was under the impression that Mr. Cotton had something to do with the making up of Mr. Boyle's tender.

1261. Did not Mr. Boyle, before he left, leave the matter to be settled by you?—Well, I understood so. Since that, I believe Mr. Boyle appears to think that his language did not bear that construction, but I thought at the time that it did.

1262. That he left it to you to settle?—Yes, to settle, and that what we arrived at would be satisfactory to him.