

APPENDIX No. 1

Q. You are a business man, this was the first dealing you ever had with this man, and you did not know him at all, or very slightly. When he came in how did he open his negotiations with you? Did he say 'Mr. Ogilvie, Mr. so and so has asked me to come and see you about purchasing goods,' and if so, who was Mr. so and so?—A. I do not think he did. I do not think there is any objection to saying that Mr. Robert Reid had spoken to me at one time about the Munroe Commission Co. He said, 'If you can give them any business at the prices you would pay anybody else, there is no objection to that.' He did not mention John O'Gorman, it was the Munroe Commission Co. he spoke about.

Q. When he told you that did you make any inquiry about the Munroe Commission Co.?—A. No.

Q. Have you ever done so?—A. No.

Q. With a view to finding out what their business is?—A. Well, I have made inquiries as far as this, that I have been in their business place in Toronto, and I know they are commission agents.

Q. That is their ordinary business; on what street are they located?—A. At No. 2 Court St.

Q. Have they warehouses there?—A. No, they are commission agents.

Q. Did you ever inquire what sort of company this was, and when formed?—A. No, sir.

Q. Did you ever make any inquiry?—A. No.

Q. You would be surprised to know there was no such company until months after you were dealing with them?—A. No, it would not make any difference so long as we got the goods at the right price.

Q. Do you know who constitutes this company?—A. No, I do not know.

Q. You have spoken of Mr. O'Gorman as the representative?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you know that John O'Gorman and a clerk named Charles Ross Munroe constitute the company?—A. I do not know the composition of any company I deal with.

Q. I thought you would find out something about the composition of this company?—A. I have no information about them.

Q. I have the official information here that this company was formed—it was ante-dated to cover the interview with you—but it was formed about March 30, 1906, and is constituted of John O'Gorman and C. R. Munroe, and as far as I can find out C. R. Munroe is a clerk in Toronto.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING objected.

A. I saw a letter months before that, I saw letter heads with the name of the Munroe Commission Company on months before that, before I had dealings with them.

Q. They state, when they make application to be registered as a company, that they have been in business from the September previous. They came to you a very few weeks after commencing business?—A. I do not know anything about that.

Q. At all events you do not know who constitute the company?—A. No, I do not know anything about it.

Q. Mr. O'Gorman came to you, and did you ask him what he would furnish, at what price he would furnish those envelopes?—A. No, I agreed to give him the prices stipulated, that is, the price I was paying before. I mean, the price quoted, and the Printing Bureau price.

Q. You did not think it was necessary to try to get any lower price?—A. I had figured it up, and I knew it could not be brought below that.

Q. But if anybody else had figured it out at a lower price, would you object?—A. If they would sell it at half price I suppose we would have to accept it.

Q. You did not seek, however, to get a lower price? You had some figures communicated to you by Mr. Davidson and you asked him to furnish the envelopes at that figure?—A. Yes, but I did not think he could furnish them at that figure.

Q. You did not?—A. No, I did not.