

Q. Was it after or before the occasion of his being there in the morning with Starrs about this thing, that you saw Boyle in the Parliament Square?—It was after. I wrote no part of what is on Ex. 11.

Q. Did you put any date to the draft?

*McCarthy, Q C.*, objects.

*Oster J.*—You cannot speak of the draft.

Q. Did anything about the date of this document, Ex. 11, strike you?—No; I did not remark the peculiarity about it at that time.

Q. Can you be mistaken about its having been given to you as late as Thursday morning?—There can be no mistake about that.

Q. You yourself sent in a letter of withdrawal?—Yes.

Q. Will you look at the book there and pick out your own letter of withdrawal?—I have found it; it is dated the 23rd.

Q. When did you give that, as a matter of fact, to Mr. Roger, or did you take it yourself?—(Hands witness Ex. 13.) I took it myself. It is my impression that I handed that in myself.

Q. On Wednesday or Thursday?—It was on Thursday, in the forenoon.

Q. It is dated apparently the day before?—Yes.

Q. Your recollection is that you handed it in on the Thursday forenoon?—Yes.

Q. Before or after you had got this letter of withdrawal from Boyle?—Yes; I am certain about that.

Q. Had you any more than the one conversation at O'Meara's?—That was the only conversation.

Q. Had you any other conversation at O'Moara's at which Boyle was present?—No.

Q. Anything said at the time that he put his name to that as a witness?—I do not remember anything particular. There may have been something. I said I desired that this thing should be kept quiet, and that was acquiesced in, of course.

Q. Were you paid anything for the withdrawal of your tender?—No; I was friendly to Mr. Roger.

Q. MacLean, Roger & Co., have a large printing office at Ottawa?—Yes.

Q. Large staff of men?—Yes.

Q. Except for the Government contract, would such a staff be of any use?—It might be of some use. I look at Mackintosh's letter of withdrawal.

Q. Do you know when that was handed in?—No; do not know anything at all about it.

Q. Anything to do with the arranging for withdrawal of that?—No; I had not.

Q. Do you know who did arrange?—I do not know anything at all about it, except my own tender, and Mr. Boyle's, and Mr. Hope's.

Q. Did you arrange for the withdrawal of that?—I did.

Q. What was paid to Mr. Hope?—I paid \$1,450. We had a good deal of haggling about it.

Q. Do you know enough about printing to know whether or not that printing could have been done without losing money at Mackintosh's or Hope's tender?—I would not like to give an opinion on that. I am not a printer. I publish a newspaper.

Q. Were you connected with the withdrawal of any other of the tenderers?—No.

*Cross-examined.*

I reside in Montreal. I am a contractor.

Q. For what?—For the Government; for all kinds of work.

Q. Printing, or anything?—No.

Q. What kind of work?—I have contracted with the Imperial Government for supplying coals for the last twelve years.

Q. You are a coal dealer—A black dealer anyway?—A general dealer.

Q. Any other way you have been contracting?—Yes.

Q. What other way?—I have contracted for railways.

Q. For the Government?—Yes.