

By Mr. Barker:

Q. I am asking now, is the case as I have stated?—A. My answer to that question is that my action in that connection does not prevent the Munroe Commission Company from suing the Barber & Ellis Co. for their commission; they could still go to the courts to collect that commission. If the Barber & Ellis Co. was willing to give us the commission that should have gone to the Munroe Commission Co. we had nothing whatever to do with that.

Q. You thought it made no difference, although you received the value?—A. I had no objection to receiving it.

Q. It never occurred to you that the Munroe Commission Co. could sue you and not the Barber & Ellis Co.?—A. They could not sue me.

Q. Not after you had made a bargain with them?—A. No.

Q. They could sue the government, not you, perhaps. At all events, you never asked the Munroe Commission Co.'s consent to this change, did you?—A. About this money being returned?

Q. About the change in price, or anything else?—A. We had nothing to do with that at all.

Q. You had made a bargain with the Munroe Commission Co. by which they were to supply 125,000 at a certain price?—A. Yes.

Q. They told you they were getting the work done at the Barber & Ellis Co.?—A. Yes.

Q. And you make another bargain with the Barber & Ellis Co., ignoring them entirely?—A. No, we did not.

Q. Have they ever asked you for payment for those envelopes?—A. We did not ignore them at all. I do not know anything about what arrangements they made with the Barber & Ellis Co., or what commission they were to get. All I know is that we had to pay the Barber & Ellis Co. the price we agreed to pay the Munroe Commission Co.

Q. Have they ever asked you for that price?—A. Yes, they have their account there.

Q. The Munroe Commission Co.?—A. No, the Barber & Ellis Co.

Q. From that day to this the Munroe Commission Co., or O'Gorman, have never said anything about it?—A. The Munro Commission Co. understand that they have to look to the Barber & Ellis Co. for their commission.

Q. How do you know that?—A. They told me.

Q. Who told you that?—A. Mr. O'Gorman.

Q. When did he tell you that?—A. It was six or eight months ago, shortly after that, probably a year ago.

Q. Was it in Ottawa here he told you that?—A. Yes, in Ottawa.

Q. And Mr. O'Gorman saw this correspondence, did he?—A. No.

Q. Did you ever tell him what had happened?—A. Nothing.

Q. How did he know what had happened?—A. Nothing more than that I told him Barber & Ellis supplied us with more envelopes than was agreed upon.

Q. And he never asked a dollar?—A. He never asked a dollar.

Q. As far as you know he is out that \$87?—A. Yes, he is out.

Q. And he has never asked for it, he is an accommodating business man?—A. Well, he must be out.

Q. Your bargain was a straight bargain?—A. Yes.

Q. And an honest bargain?—A. Yes.

Q. And it was above board?—A. Yes.

Q. And you had nothing to conceal?—A. Nothing.

Q. And you agreed to pay him for those envelopes which Ellis was to supply, a certain sum?—A. Yes.