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Q. Who were Moore & Wright?—A. The former contractors in the Quebec Harbour. They wanted Moore & Wright to believe that we were not going to tender and that would give us an advantage for the next tender put in.

Q. Then you did not put in a tender?—A. No.

Q. Then the tenders were prepared by you and you were just going to put in your tender?—A. Yes.

Q. Then I understand that there were second tenders called for?—A. The contract was re-advertised and new tenders asked for.

Q. Do you remember if you were the only party to put in a tender, or if there were some other parties who tendered as you did?—A. There were several tenders. I cannot name them all at present. This was the second time.

Q. Have you got any recollection of the respective positions of the parties tendering at the time?—A. No.

Q. Were you informed at the time that your tender was not the lowest?—A.—Yes.

Q. By whom were you informed?—A. It was a public matter; everybody knew it. The minute the tenders were opened everybody knew it.

Q. I do not mean that. At any rate, let us take your answer as it is now. Then you were not the lowest as you say?—A. No.

Q. Have you any recollection of what took place after that? Do you remember if there was a man Askwith, in Ottawa, who tendered at the time?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember Fradet & Miller, from Quebec, putting a tender in?—A. I remember they did tender.

Q. When the tenders were opened did you receive some letters from the Harbour Commissioners asking for new conditions for a deposit of money.—A. I believe we did.

Q. Were you assured then, though you were not the lowest, that you would get the contract?

Mr. HENRY—I object to that.

Q. What assurance had you at the time?—A. We had pretty strong assurances that the other tenders were low and irregular, and unable to put up the proper security and the contract would come to us.

Q. Do you know whether they had the proper securities or not? As a matter of fact yours was not the lowest tender?—A. No.

Q. And you got the contract?—A. Yes.

Q. How did you get it then?—A. We got it, that is all I know. As the contract was awarded us, we put the security at the proper time under the conditions asked for.

Q. Have you any recollection that you put up additional security and that the same additional security had been asked from other parties?—A. I believe we were called upon to put up \$10,000 in 24 hours, additional, in the certified cheque, and we put up the required securities.

Q. You have suggested that you were informed that other parties would not be able to put up proper security. As a matter of fact, did you know that they had not put up proper security?—A. I was told that they had not.

*By Mr. Lister :*

Q. Who by?—A. Several parties.

*By Mr. Tarte :*

Q. Can you name me a party?—A. I would rather not answer that question now.

*By Mr. Lister :*

Q. By any official?