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Q. You call their own agent in Ottawa a middleman?—A. Of course he is a middleman.

Q. And for that reason you did not deal with them?—A. Yes, the Mortimer Bros. prices were higher than the prices given to the Munroe Commission Company.

Q. I want to call your attention to the fact that you are not answering my questions. Did you go to see Mortimer Bros. at the request of the Rolland Paper Mills Co.?—A. I do not remember whether I did or not.

Q. How long was it, or was it after you received the reply from the Rollands that you saw the representative of the Munroe Commission Company?—A. Have you reference to the first letter I am speaking of, or to when Mr. Davidson called at my office?

Q. The first time you saw any representative of the Munroe Commission with reference to this purchase; was that before or after you had received that reply from the Rolland Co.?—A. It was some eight months afterwards.

Q. It was eight months afterwards?—A. Eight months after receiving his letter.

Q. The correspondence with the Rollands that you are referring to as a refusal was early in the spring of 1905?—A. Early in the winter, January.

Q. About January, 1905, and this transaction was in September or October?—A. Yes, I believe it was in October.

Q. And in all these months which had elapsed you had neither got tenders from this firm nor from their agents?—A. Not for this work, we got tenders for other things from them.

Q. I am speaking about these particular 125,000 envelopes?—A. No, I don't think we did.

Q. When did Mr. Davidson call after the requisition?—A. About October 1.

Q. Was that before or after the Munroe Commission Co. had called?—A. That was before, sir.

Q. Can you fix the date when the Munroe Commission Co. called?—A. It would be about the beginning of October.

Q. It would be the early part of October?—A. Yes.

Q. Had you any transactions with the Munroe Commission Co. before that?—A. No, I think this was the first transaction.

Q. Had you sent them any notice that you required tenders or bids on these envelopes?—A. No, sir.

Q. How did they know that you were wanting this quantity of envelopes?—A. Their representative was in town and called in to see me, wanting to get business. I said 'If you can supply them at the price offered by the manufacturing firm you can have the order.'

Q. Who was this representative?—A. John O'Gorman.

Q. Had you had any transaction with John O'Gorman before this as purchasing agent?—A. No.

Q. Did you know him?—A. I knew him slightly.

Q. How long had you known him?—A. I could not say how long it was, it might have been a year before, or two or three years. I do not remember where I met him first.

Q. You had not heard of him for years before?—A. No.

Q. You had not heard of him previously?—A. No, only recently.

Q. Do you tell me that seriously?—A. Yes, I did not hear of John O'Gorman until quite recently.

Q. Are you quite sure of that?—A. Yes, not until within the last two years.

Q. Did he introduce himself to you, or was he introduced?—A. I am not quite sure whether he introduced himself to me or whether he was introduced. I am not certain about that.

Q. Just try to recollect?—A. I do not think he was introduced to me, I think he came up to my office.

Q. Did he tell you anybody had told him to call on you?—A. That is difficult to remember, this was a conversation that took place two years ago.