

Q. But he told you there was none?—A. That is what he said.

Q. You do not agree with that?—A. I have seen some black spruce, but I did not see many.

Q. I want to ask you again, do you know anything about any letter with regard to the acceptance of Ultican's ties?—A. I do not know.

Q. You never heard about it?—A. About a letter to the acceptance of which?

Q. About a letter referring to the acceptance or passing of Ultican's ties?—A. He had this letter; this was ordered by letter.

Q. You said that is the contract. I am not speaking of the contract made with him, of the papers signed then or written then. I was speaking of a period after that. Was there any letter that you have any knowledge of, or heard of, with regard to the acceptance of his ties or the passing of them?—A. No, sir.

Q. Or the passing of them?—A. No sir.

Q. Did you see any such letter with Burpee or any one else?—A. Such a letter as which?

Q. The Ultican ties?—A. I have seen a letter from Pottinger to Ultican when he contracted for the ties.

Q. Did you see any letter with Burpee from any person to any person with regard to Ultican's tie?—A. See a letter from—

Q. Did you see with Burpee any letter or copy of letter from any one person to any other person with regard to Ultican's ties?—A. Then I will have to explain that.

Q. Answer first and explain afterwards?—A. I seen a letter from Pottinger to Ultican; that is all the letter that ever I did see.

Q. That is the contract letter?—A. Yes. I did not see any other.

Q. Did you see any other letter in Burpee's hands or copy of a letter from Burpee or any person else with regard to the ties to be delivered by Ultican?—A. No sir.

Q. You did not?—A. No.

Q. Only one letter that you know of?—A. No, this one to Ultican; but there was one to—

Q. About the acceptance of ties, the only one you know of was the one to Ultican written by the minister?—A. That is all.

Q. Did you bring that letter to Ottawa?—A. I did not.

Q. Never?—A. No, sir, no sir, I did not.

Q. What kind of ties did Curran agree to supply?—A. What kind of ties did Curran agree to supply, I do not know, I did not see his agreement.

Q. You do not know, you have no recollection?—A. I did not see his agreement.

Q. You only had a paper from the office?—A. I never seen the contract.

Q. Is princess pine a good tie?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. One of the best, is it not?—A. Yes, sir; one of the best.

Q. A high priced tie, and white spruce is not?—A. I would not say so.

Q. It is a low priced tie?—A. I think it is.

Q. I asked you whether you at any time brought that letter to Ottawa?—A. No, sir, I did not at any time bring it.

Q. Had Mr. Culligan the right to deliver any spruce ties at all?—A. Mr. Culligan?

Q. Yes.—A. The right to deliver any spruce ties at all?

Q. Under the contract?—A. I never seen the contract.

Q. You had the order?—A. The words that I had was to take the black spruce ties.

Q. You are positive about that?—A. I am positive about that.

Q. Where is the paper?—A. I don't know.

Q. Did you return it to the office?—A. I can't tell you whether I did or not. I can't tell that.

Q. Was it in a book or in a sheet?—A. In a sheet.

Q. The return put in here of all the contracts does not say a word about spruce at all?—A. It was a spruce tie I was to take.

Q. Is your recollection good about that?—A. Yes, it is good on that point, because I remember well seeing the wood black spruce; of course, there was some other kinds—some cedar among them—a good number of cedar.