

Q. You did not?—A. No, sir.

Q. You did not doubt that you had made a valid and honest contract with Mr. Ogilvie, did you?—A. I certainly had, but the matter had been transferred to the Barber & Ellis Company.

Q. Simply by these letters. Is that your only reason for not going to Ogilvie?—A. Simply because I had made arrangements with Mr. Ellis and looked to him for it.

Q. You did not go to Ogilvie or to the government for the balance of the price they had agreed to pay you?—A. No, sir, I never mentioned it to them.

Q. You never have done that from that day to this?—A. No, sir.

Q. Have you sued Barber & Ellis?—A. No, sir, I have not.

Q. Have you never spoken to Ogilvie about this?—A. No.

Q. Never?—A. Well, I would not be positive about that. I would not be sure whether I have or not, I cannot recollect.

Q. Was there any understanding between you and Ogilvie that at all impaired your rights under the correspondence by which you were to get \$1.75 and upwards?—A. I do not quite understand.

Q. Your bargain with Ogilvie was at prices ranging from \$1.75 per thousand upwards. Did you have any understanding with him at all affecting that or affecting your right to get \$1.75?—A. No.

Q. And you supplied what you agreed to supply through Barber & Ellis?—A. Barber & Ellis supplied, exactly.

Q. And the government have never to this hour, as far as you know, paid anybody the prices you agreed with Ogilvie?—A. Well, no I do not suppose they have because Mr. Ellis—

Q. I say so far as you know?—A. I do not know.

Q. And you have never asked the government, or anybody else, to carry out their bargain with you and pay the balance of the purchase money?—A. I asked Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Ellis alone.

Q. You never asked the government, or Ogilvie, or anybody connected with the government?—A. No.

Q. Did you ever speak to Mr. Reid about it?—A. No, sir.

Q. Or anybody connected with the government?—A. No.

Q. You have been making sales to the government since?—A. Well, yes, I have sold them some underclothing and some handkerchiefs and some tracing cloth.

Q. Did you have any interviews with Ogilvie about any of those things?—A. I think I met him once here.

Q. When you met him did you bring up this subject of the envelopes?—A. No, I do not think I did.

Q. Never at all, although you were out \$87?—A. No.

Q. Never said a word to Ogilvie?—A. No, I do not know that I did. I would not be positive, Mr. Barker, but I have no recollection of any conversation with Mr. Ogilvie regarding the matter.

Q. As a man in business have you any doubt in your own mind that you are entitled to that \$87 from the government?—A. I did not consider the government in the matter at all. I considered Mr. Ellis in the matter and Mr. Ellis alone. I made my bargain with him.

Q. You had no bargain with Mr. Ellis to supply them to you for \$1.75 and upwards?—A. I had a distinct bargain with Mr. Ellis.

Q. Eh?—A. I had a distinct bargain with Mr. Ellis.

Q. That did not relieve the government's obligation to you?

Mr. MACLEAN (Lunenburg).—The return of the cheque proves his obligation.

Mr. BARKER.—I am asking the question.

Mr. MACLEAN.—You are not asking the witness, you are giving evidence.

Mr. BARKER.—I am asking what his explanation is.

The WITNESS.—Well, my explanation—