

Q. Is that all you suggested to him?—That is all that I remember.

Q. Did you name the consideration?—I think I did. I think I named the consideration; it was \$3,000. Mr. Boyle said he would not withdraw. He said he considered it would be injurious to his reputation to do so. He said a good deal to that effect.

Q. Any proposition made by him as to consideration in any other form?—No.

Q. Anything said about interest in it?—Yes.

Q. What was said?—Mr. Boyle said he would take a third or fourth interest in the contract, and work it with MacLean, Roger & Co. I rather think it was his own contract.

Q. Anything else said about the withdrawal of the other tenders?—Yes.

Q. What was said about that?—Some talk about my own tender.

Q. What was said about your own tender?—I told Mr. Boyle that my tender was put in to assist Mr. Roger, and that it was at his (Mr. Roger's) disposal.

Q. What more did you say to him?—I do not remember.

Q. Anything said about Mackintosh's tender—about the other tenders generally? *McCarthy, Q.C.*, objects to this as a leading question.

Witness.—I think there was some talk about Mr. Hope's tender. They said it was altogether likely that Mr. Hope's tender would be accepted as it was lower than any of the others. To the best of my recollection, Mr. Hope's tender was mentioned. I knew that it had been withdrawn at the time. I was urging Mr. Boyle against his will, and he said he would not withdraw his tender; that he wanted to have a partnership with MacLean, Roger & Co. I told him I did not think it possible for him to get that.

Q. Why?—MacLean, Roger & Co. told him they would not join him in his tender if they did not get their tender allowed. I told him they said that.

Q. What did Mr. Starrs or Mr. Cotton say?—I do not remember Mr. Starrs much. He was a listener. Mr. Cotton spoke a good deal.

Q. What did he say?—All this interview Mr. Boyle said he would not withdraw his tender, and Mr. Cotton and myself were urging him to do so.

Q. Can you remember anything else that was said by any of the parties; had Mackintosh withdrawn at that time?—I do not think he had.

Q. Can you remember anything more that was said?—When Mr. Boyle was going away he said he would leave the matter in Mr. Cotton's hands, or, I think, "in Mr. Cotton's hands and your hands." That was all he said about that.

Q. What time did he go away?—Possibly, about half an hour.

Q. Have you given us the words that were used by Mr. Boyle on going away—"leave the matter"?—That is as near as I can remember.

Q. Did you see Mr. Boyle after that?—Never saw him after that till the other day. I never saw him to speak to him. I saw him in the Parliament square. It was the next day.

Q. You had no talk with him the next day?—No.

Q. Did you see him in Ottawa after the Wednesday?—I saw him the next day.

Q. Did you see him after that?—I did not. I am not sure whether it was Wednesday or Thursday.

Q. Do you know from what Mr. Boyle told you, or of your own knowledge, where he was staying at that time on the night of that interview?—I believe he was staying at Mr. Starrs.

Q. Upon what is that belief founded?—I called there to see him after this interview.

Q. Whom did you see?—I saw Mr. Starrs.

Q. Did you see Starrs and Cotton after that?—I did.

Q. Where?—At my room.

Q. What time?—On the Thursday morning.

Q. What time in the morning?—This was early in the morning, between nine and ten. The two of them came together, Starrs and Cotton. No one came with them.