

*By the Chairman :*

1475. He did not ask you to use your influence to get Mr. Boyle out of the way?—No.

*By Mr. Ross :*

1476. Did you see Mr. Boyle just before he left for home?—I did.

1477. Did he appear to be disappointed at not getting the contract?—I could not say how he felt.

1478. Did he give you any intimation that he was disappointed?—Not that I remember. I think, if I remember right, that I went down to the train with him to see him off.

1479. Had you this money from Mr. Cotton in your possession at that time?—No, sir.

1480. How long after Mr. Boyle left for home did you get it?—I could not say. I think it was a day or two. I would not be positive. It may have been next day.

1481. Didn't it occur to you that that was an unusual sum of money for a man in Mr. Cotton's position to have?—I could not explain how I felt at the time.

1482. Of course you knew where he got it?—I did not know any more than from seeing the names on the paper.

1483. Did you know of Mr. Cotton giving any special value to MacLean, Roger & Co. for these notes?—I could not say.

1484. You did not know that he had given any value?—No.

1485. You knew that it was in connection with Mr. Boyle's tender?—I could not swear to that, because when Mr. Boyle comes to the city and stops at my place, Mr. Cotton usually comes to see him.

*By the Chairman :*

1486. They have been in the habit of meeting together in this way before the contract was talked of at all?—Yes.

*By Mr. Ross :*

1487. Do you swear that Mr. Cotton did not speak to Mr. Boyle, in your hearing, in connection with this printing contract?—I could not swear that.

1488. You would not swear positively that Mr. Cotton did not, in your hearing, offer any money to Mr. Boyle in connection with this contract?—I would not swear to it; I do not recollect.

1489. Had you such close business relations with Mr. Cotton that it seemed to you a very natural thing for him to give you that money in trust?—It seemed rather strange to me at the time.

*By the Chairman :*

1490. Had any similar transaction ever occurred before between you and Mr. Cotton in reference to other contracts?—Nothing more than what I told you; that we got mixed up in tendering, and that Mr. Cotton, I always noticed, was deficient. I don't know whether he was deficient of funds to put up, but I know I had generally to furnish the cheques myself—of course along with other parties who were going in with me.

*By Mr. Ross :*

1491. Was any other person present when Mr. Boyle gave you a hint that he could get money for his tender—when he repudiated the idea of taking money?—Not that I remember; there might have been.

1492. Did Mr. Cotton tell you, when he gave you that money, what he got it for, or how he came to get it?—No, sir; he did not.

1493. Did you see the letter of withdrawal that Mr. Boyle wrote? Did he show it to you?—He had it in his hand. I don't remember that he read it to me, but I remember getting him pen and paper to write his withdrawal.

1494. Was Mr. Cotton in the house at the time?—I don't know as he was at the time. I know he was shortly after.

1495. Was he there shortly before that letter was written?—I could not swear.

1496. When was it written—in the morning or the evening?—I could not say.