

10. Did you enumerate the items in full?—Yes; in full.
11. With the weights?—Yes; with the weights.
12. How were the particulars of the weights settled?—Sometimes there would be a blank left; but we procured the yard-book and saw that the weights were there. Mr. Bridson would furnish me with the weight to enter it in the contract journal under his direction.
13. What were the usual source from which the weights would be fixed?—That would depend on the class of goods.
14. According to the different classes of goods?—Yes; in different classes of goods, such as sash-cord, for instance, I would probably ask what was to be charged, and he would reply: "Charge as before."
15. How did you get the weight then?—I would take the weight of the previous entry.
16. But usually, you say, unless you were directed by Mr. Bridson, the weights were filled in from the yard-book?—Yes.
17. Any other book?—I believe this was the only source that the weights could be got from.
18. But sometimes the weights were not ascertained in the yard: how then?—In cases where we were dealing with goods supplied by another firm, on receipt of their invoice, I would place it before Mr. Bridson, and I was then furnished with the particular weight.
19. In the course of your employment, did you notice anything that called for comment on your part?—I did.
20. Who drew your attention to what you considered worthy of comment?—The first item I noticed, speaking from memory, was some sash-cord; I noticed that it was previously charged as 7½lb. per hank.
21. That was the first item that attracted your attention?—Yes.
22. Then, your attention was drawn to certain irregularities?—Yes.
23. What course did you take then?—I did as I was instructed, until I thought the matter was getting serious.
24. And then what course did you take?—I wrote to Mr. Gellatly. (See Appendix.)
25. In answer to that you received two letters: one, dismissing you from the employment of the firm, and the other acknowledging the receipt of your letter, and going on to say that he was aware your statement was without foundation, but he would inquire into the matter (See Appendix)?—The document is mutilated; there is a word left out. The word "however" is the word left out.
26. *The Chairman.*] Which of these letters did you receive first?—That was the one discharging me from the employment; the other I received in the middle of the following week.
27. With your discharge you received a week's salary?—Yes.
28. The date of your letter was the 10th May?—Yes.
29. Your employment terminated, and you were dismissed the following day?—Yes.
30. What was your salary for the performance of those duties you have mentioned?—Thirty-five shillings a week.
31. You reported these irregularities to the Public Works Department?—Yes.
32. Will you look at this statement, and say whether substantially it is something like the charges you made to the Public Works Department?—This refers to most of the items; I cannot say which is exactly accurate. [This was a copy of the items put in by Mr. Hutchison.]
33. At any rate you made certain allegations to the Public Works Department as to the incorrectness of the weights?—That is so.
- Mr. Reid:* I think he wrote first to the department; if so, we ought to have the writing produced.
35. *Mr. Menteath.*] First of all you had an interview?—Yes, with Mr. McArthur.
36. In Mr. Blow's absence?—Yes.
37. Were you asked to do anything further?—I was asked to leave a specimen paper for verification.
38. Did you comply with that request?—I did.
39. Are these the specimen papers you left?—These are. [Put in.]
40. These are simply notes taken by you of the various entries?—Yes.
41. How were these dealt with by Mr. McArthur?—He returned them to me.
42. Did you put in any written statement; did you address any letter to the department?—I wrote some weeks after asking for information.
- Mr. Reid:* Before making any statement you ought to produce the letter.
- Mr. G. Hutchison:* The Public Works Department would have the letter.
43. *Mr. Menteath.*] There is a copy of the letter already in. You wrote to Mr. McArthur asking him to do something?—I addressed a letter to him asking him to advise me confidentially whether my statement had been verified or otherwise, and I got no reply.
44. *Mr. Hutchison.*] Does the department produce the letter.
- Mr. Reid:* Yes, that is the letter.
45. *Mr. Menteath.*] Is that the letter?—That is the letter referred to. [Letter dated 1st July, 1895.]
46. Did you hear from the department in reply to that letter?—I had no reply to that.
47. Did you have any other letter?—I had one from Mr. Blow. [Letter produced and put in, dated 9th July, 1895.]
48. Did you call, as requested by that letter?—I did.
49. Was any request made to you by Mr. Blow?—He asked me if I would become a witness.
50. In what proceedings?—In case the Crown thought it worth while to take proceedings in one of the Courts.