

Q. Where did you find that cheque?—A. It was in my cash-box. I keep all the cheques.

Q. Did you find amongst the papers any order—written orders—authorizing that substitution?—A. The only thing accompanying the cheque, and with the cheque in the envelope, is this letter; they are in charge of the Secretary, but they are kept in my cash-box.

Q. Read it.—A. The letter reads as follows :

(Exhibit "L.")

"Private.

QUEBEC, 27th October, 1887.

"DEAR MR. VERRET,—I see objection to your taking Mr. O. E. Murphy's cheque, endorsed by N. Connolly, for the one you now hold on deposit.

"Yours truly,

"THOMAS MCGREEVY."

Q. Can you swear to the handwriting? Do you know the handwriting and the signature?—A. It is like Mr. McGreevy's.

Q. Have you any moral doubt that it is Mr. McGreevy's?—A. No moral doubt. would not like to swear positively.

Q. You take it as Mr. McGreevy's handwriting?—A. Yes, Sir.

Q. This letter was found in the same cash box with the receipt and the cheque?—A. Exactly.

Q. This cash box was in charge of Mr. Verret until you replaced him as acting Secretary of the Board?—A. No, Sir; it was always in my charge.

Q. You were auditor?—A. I am cashier, or was cashier.

Q. Were you under Mr. Verret's orders?—A. Yes.

Q. You mentioned a few minutes ago the name of Mr. Gourdeau, Harbour Master. He is dead now?—A. Yes.

*By the Chairman :*

Q. Do you know how this came in the cash box?—A. Yes Sir. I had the cheques previous to that and the letter and cheque were given to me by Mr. Verret and I returned the one I previously had.

Q. You returned the deposit receipt?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Geoffrion :*

Q. You are personally aware that this letter refers to the deposit receipt mentioned in the receipt of 31st October, 1887?—A. Yes.

Q. You are the man who had the document and received in exchange this cheque?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Stuart :*

Q. Did you return it to Mr. Murphy or to Mr. Verret?—A. To Mr. Verret. I was under Mr. Verret's orders. I merely meant that I held the different documents. (Envelope containing last Exhibit filed and marked Exhibit "M.")

Q. Did you have any correspondence in your official capacity subsequent to that substitution with Mr. O. E. Murphy in connection with that \$25,000 cheque?—A. Lately, yes Sir.

Q. You have received letters from Mr. Murphy and Mr. Nicholas K. Connolly in regard to that cheque? You have brought with you those letters?—A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Can you put your hands upon them immediately? It is just as well to have them here now?—A. I only find two just now—one is from Mr. O. E. Murphy, as follows :

(Exhibit "N.")

"QUEBEC, 13th March, 1891.

"To JAMES WOODS, Esq.,

"Acting Secretary to the Quebec Harbour Commissioners.

"In reply to yours of the 23rd ultimo, I cannot accept anything but the return