

further sum of \$2,000, on 8th March, 1888, for amount agreed to be expended by the firm and paid by Nicholas K. Connolly from private funds, and a sum of \$3,000, alleged to be paid by M. Connolly in February, 1886.

Nicholas K. Connolly, when examined, was found to have a mind quite blank on these, as on all other questionable payments. He could give no information respecting any of them, and when pressed, declared on oath he did not remember. With regard to this witness we may here record our conviction that he had resolved to disclose nothing that would reflect injuriously upon himself or those whose secrets he believed it to be his interests to conceal. The same remarks may fairly apply to Michael Connolly. As a consequence, no sure information could be obtained as to the destination of these special amounts paid by them, but Robert McGreevy swore (p. 632) that the item of \$4,000 charged in August, 1885, was represented by Nicholas K. Connolly as having been paid by him to Thomas McGreevy.

CHANGES IN THE CONTRACT.

In May, 1885, the contractors desired to have certain changes made in their contract, and amongst them, to get the entrance at the head of the Dock changed to a circular head. They continued to urge this change even after Perley and the Minister had recommended it, and on the 18th May, 1885, Michael Connolly writes from British Columbia to Murphy:

"As soon as this reaches you make no delay in seeing the proper parties and get the double entrance at the head of the Dock changed to a circular head, the same as the dock at Levis."

On the 21st January Perley reported in favour of this change, stating the additional expense would amount to \$35,000. The Minister reported to Council, adopting Perley's report 26th January, and the change was carried out.

On the 18th January, 1885, Perley reported that the caisson chamber had been built of stone instead of brick, at a difference of cost of \$6,000, which he recommended should be paid, and of this the Minister approved.

Shortly after the contract was entered into the contractors desired to have a change made from sandstone to granite in the stone lining of the Dock.

On the 12th of December, 1884, Nicholas K. Connolly writes from British Columbia to Murphy. (P. 369):

"DEAR FRIEND MURPHY,—I think Mr. T. would like to have the Dock builte of grannet and hee said that it would not cost much over sixty thousand in adishin to our prise for sandstone and I also think that the folkes heer would lik to mak it a hundred feet longer. If corse thoes thinges are for our frend two work on But for the substutin of grannet would bee worth one hundred thousand moeur and the lengthing preporsion if course Mr. T. would have two bee seen in the avent of aney chaing as hee is the Dominion agent heer and all pourfull as well as our folkes there. We will want changes mad in the sise of the stone and paid for all the stone we put in that is we want to increase the thickens and the weth of bed and bee alouded for it at our prise and in that way we will make a good thing. The best way would bee to have them order hever courses as by that it would give us a chance of an extra as well as giving us our prise. You can tell our friend But I will write you more fully in a day or two."

On 19th December he again writes Murphy.—"There is a very strong feeling heer that the dock must be built of grannet and a hundred feet longer or a hundred and fifty which you to advocat for you now that when the Canadian Pacific Railway completed and they get the line to China and Japan you now it would be a very unfortunate thing two have the dock too short or built of perishable material like sandstone when good granet can be had at very little more expence, of course we don't want anything more than the additional expence of cutting and other things. Mr. Trutch sent for me to-day and asked me in a very frendley manner about the stuf that I was objecting too and after a long conversation and at which I made some good pointes hee Mr. Trutch said hee would bee glad if the Dominion Government would take my vew of it and he said that hee would lay the case befour