

Ans. They are not among the records in the Provincial Secretary's Department.

Ques. Were they ever there?—Ans. They were.

Ques. Where were they last there?—Ans. There were two reports, a preliminary and a final one. The first report, dated, the 21st March, 1849, was received in the Secretary's Office, and was referred to the Executive Council, for their information, on the 23rd March. The second report, dated the 15th April, was received on the same day, and submitted to the Executive Council on the same day.

Ques. Were they ever returned?—Ans. Never.

Ques. Do you know what became of them?—Ans. On enquiring at the Executive Council Office, I found, from memoranda in the minute book, that both reports were handed to Mr. Attorney General Lafontaine, on the 25th April, and sent to the Legislative Assembly on the 30th May, 1849.

[By Mr. *Ferres*.]—Were the papers thus sent the original documents?—Ans. The original documents.

[By Mr. *Macdonald*.]—Was there a book of evidence among those papers?—Ans. There was.

Ques. Did that accompany those reports?—Ans. Yes; to the Executive Council Office.

[By Mr. *Ferres*.]—Did the evidence go to the House of Assembly?—Ans. I do not know.

[By Mr. *Macdonald*.]—What became of the documents at the House of Assembly?—Ans. I have no personal knowledge.

Ques. In whose hands ought they to be?—Ans. I was instructed to search for these documents, and was told by Mr. Spink that they were burned. I was instructed to make this enquiry by the Assistant Secretary.

[By Mr. *Felton*.]—Lately, or some time ago?—Ans. Within the last few days, Mr. Spink stated that they had been in his custody but that they had been burnt at the first fire in Quebec.

[By Mr. *Wilson*.]—I understand you to speak of the original evidence taken before the Commission?—Ans. I refer to all the papers that have been sent to the Council.

Ques. The papers that they wanted particularly were the original evidence taken before the Commission; do you remember seeing that?—Ans. I have no recollection of any particular documents, the book of evidence accompanied the other documents.

[By Dr. *Clarke*.]—Was this book printed?—Ans. It was a book of written evidence. I do not know of any particular evidence. I did not read over the book.

By Mr. *Sanborn*.]—Was this the original evidence or a copy of it?—Ans. I have no further recollection of the matter.