

WEDNESDAY, 19th August, 1891.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Messieurs Girouard, Chairman,

Amyot,	Desjardins (<i>L'Islet</i>),	McDonald (<i>Victoria</i>),
Barron,	Dickey,	Mills (<i>Bothwell</i>),
Beausoleil,	Edgar,	Mulock,
Choquette,	Flint,	Ouimet,
Coatsworth,	Fraser,	Tarte,
Costigan,	German,	Thompson (<i>Sir John</i>),
Curran,	Kirkpatrick,	Tupper,
Daly,	Lavergne,	Weldon,
Davies,	Masson,	Wood (<i>Brockville</i>).—29.
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The Minutes of Friday last were read, amended, and confirmed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Edgar, it was

Resolved, That the letter-books of the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, deposited with the Clerk on the 4th instant, be searched, and any letters found therein having a special bearing upon the subject of enquiry be marked as Exhibits and printed in the Evidence, being first submitted to the Counsel for their inspection.

Sir Hector Langevin, by permission, read a statement, under oath, regarding certain allegations contained in the evidence given by Mr. Michael Starrs on Friday last, the 14th instant.

Mr. Stuart, Q.C., filed a copy of the Annual Report of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners for 1887, which was marked as Exhibit "W18." At his request, certain extracts were ordered to be printed in the Evidence.

Mr. R. H. McGreevy, by permission, made a number of corrections in the evidence given by him before the Committee.

On motion of Sir John Thompson, it was

Resolved, That the Committee do report to the House the difficulty experienced in getting the evidence signed by witnesses, and requesting leave to depart from the usual practice in this instance.

On motion of Mr. Mulock, it was

Ordered, That summonses be issued to Michael Starrs and J. L. P. O'Hanly, contractors, Ottawa, to appear and give evidence to-morrow, and to bring with them all books, papers, books of account, letters, memoranda, diaries, cheques and documents in their possession or under their control, relating to their tender or tenders for the construction of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, B.C. Also, that a summons be issued to the Manager of the Bank on which the cheque for \$9,000, referred to by Mr. Starrs in his evidence, was drawn, requiring him to attend and produce the said cheque.

The question of giving Counsel opportunity to address the Committee having arisen, Mr. Stuart, Q.C., stated that it was not his intention to make an address.

The Committee then adjourned till to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Attest.

WALTER TODD,
Clerk of the Committee.