

The CHAIRMAN—What bearing has this letter upon the investigation ?

Mr. TARTE—If you will allow me, I will tell you. There is a charge in reference to the Baie des Chaleurs Railway.

*By Mr. Geoffrion :*

Q. Can you identify this letter ?—A. This is dated 3rd March, 1886, from the House of Commons. It is written by Thomas McGreevy, and sent by him to me.

Q. And was received by you ?—A. Yes.

Q. Will you read it, please ?

(Exhibit "N 2.")

"HOUSE OF COMMONS, CANADA, 3rd March, 1886.

"MY DEAR ROBERT,—I had an interview to-day with the Minister of Justice. He told me that he had almost decided to grant you the fiat, without any reserve or restriction on merits, but he told me to meet him to-morrow at 11 a.m., and he would put it in writing for me. So I hope nothing will change his mind between now and then. I intend going to Montreal on Friday or Saturday to meet Chabot and one of the directors of the co., to meet Senecal on steamboat business, but cannot go to Quebec before the end of next week. Nothing new in Baie des Chaleurs matter, except that Sir Hector wanted me to come to terms, and asked me to state the terms. I have not done so yet, but I am told that they have entered into a contract with one Refel, who is a partner of Isbesters. I have put Mitchell on the scent. Others told me that Armstrong is working on the line. I will know more before evening. The Riel business will come up next week.

"Yours truly,

"THOMAS MCGREEVY."

"I sent Foote a list of those indebted to the Supervisor's office. He wrote for it."

Q. Here is another letter ?

The CHAIRMAN—Excuse me, who is this man Mitchell mentioned in the last letter ? It says, "I put Mitchell on the scent."—A. He is known as the Hon. Peter Mitchell. This letter is dated 8th March, 1886. It is in the handwriting of Thomas McGreevy, and bears his signature.

Mr. TARTE—Read the heading, please ?—A. "Cabinet du Ministre des Travaux Publics du Canada."

(Exhibit "O 2.")

"CABINET DU MINISTRE DES TRAVAUX PUBLICS DU CANADA,

"OTTAWA, 8th March, 1886.

"MY DEAR ROBERT,—The Senate will adjourn from to-morrow until the 16th, so you will have Robitaille in Quebec, as his pay will be going on. I am told that Isbester will not have anything to do with Baie des Chaleurs contract until they are in a legal position. I have received no proposition from them yet. Sir Hector wants me to make one, or state what I want them to do. I was at Montreal from a.m on Saturday until last night, when I returned here. Irvine arrived here at noon to-day, I did not see him. There will be judgment in Berlinguet case to-day. I do not think the Riel discussion will come up this, in that case I will go to Quebec before the end of the week. The Government will lose 22 of their supporters on the Riel hanging on Landry's motion. They won't have more than twenty-five majority on that vote. Weather very mild here.

"Yours truly,

"THOMAS."

Q. Will you state to the Committee whose letter this is ?—A. It is dated 13th May from the House of Commons. It is written in the handwriting of Thomas McGreevy and is signed by him, is addressed to me and I received it.

(Objection taken by Mr. McGreevy's Counsel to the reading of this letter, as irrelevant. Decision reserved. Committee subsequently decided that letter be read and filed.)