

Q. Have you got counsel?—Not yet.

MR. MULOCK.—I think the witness should be ordered to produce these books. He is a member of the firm and cannot escape responsibility.

WITNESS.—We are willing to submit the books to any accredited auditor, which this Committee may name.

*By the Chairman :*

Q. Do you keep a separate set of books for each contract?—A. We do.

Q. And the books in Quebec relate to the Quebec contract?—A. They do.

*By Mr. Edgar :*

Q. And Esquimalt also?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Burdett :*

Q. You say you are willing to submit the books to an auditor. Then you have control of them?—A. So far as I am aware, we have control of them.

*By Mr. Lister :*

Q. Who is your book-keeper?—A. Martin P. Connolly.

Q. Is he a connection of any of the counsel engaged in the case?—A. I do not know I am sure.

MR. FITZPATRICK.—If the honourable gentleman is anxious to know anything about it—I am not ashamed to say—Mr. M. P. Connolly is my cousin.

*By Mr. Davies :*

Q. Will you produce your subpoena and let us hear it read?—A. I have not got the subpoena here. It must be in my other coat pocket.

*By the Chairman :*

Q. I think I must say to Mr. Connolly that he must bring the books here unless they are here now. What about the books in relation to the British Columbia contract?—A. The last I saw of them they were in Quebec.

Q. Will you produce the books on Tuesday next?—A. I will not promise the Committee to do that until I have the advice of counsel.

THE CHAIRMAN.—The witness is ordered to produce the books at the next meeting of this Committee.

*By Mr. Edgar :*

Q. You received a copy of that subpoena (the subpoena being read)?—A. I did. I received it at Kingston by registered letter.

THE CHAIRMAN.—The examination of this witness stands adjourned until Tuesday next.

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MR. NICHOLAS K. CONNOLLY being called did not answer.

MR. STUART.—Mr. Michael Connolly tells me that Mr. Nicholas K. Connolly is in Kingston and will come.

MR. M. CONNOLLY.—Mr. Nicholas K. Connolly informed me that he would be here at any time he is notified to be here.

THE CHAIRMAN.—Do you undertake that Mr. Nicholas K. Connolly will be here at the next meeting?

MR. M. CONNOLLY.—I do, Sir.

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MR. MARTIN P. CONNOLLY, Bookkeeper of the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co., called, and makes default.

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