

492. Don't you know, as a matter of fact, that it was not finished till late in the season? I cannot tell you.

493. I have asked you in reference to the increase in passenger receipts, and I understand you to have asserted twice that this system of half fare or "nil" tickets was not extended to the guests of the hotel, but was confined to the servants of the hotel? Precisely; there never was a passenger ticket, that I am aware of, issued to any guest or to any servant of the Inch Arran House free.

*By Mr. Bowell:*

494. Was not that branch opened on the 20th June, 1884? I think it was some time early in the summer.

*By Mr. Wood (Westmoreland):*

495. You refer to a letter asking for an account from Mr. Robinson; I understand that refers to an account of the tickets issued in 1884; the letter was dated October, 1884? That letter is on the file.

496. You do not know whether that account was furnished or not? I cannot say.

497. Those tickets, I understand from you, were not paid for until the present year? Not till February.

498. Had the Grand Trunk any interest in those tickets? Yes.

499. When did they get their proportion? At the same time that the Intercolonial got theirs.

500. Not till 1886? Not till 1886. Curiously enough the Grand Trunk overlooked the account also.

*By Mr. Mulock:*

501. You know it to be a fact that the Grand Trunk did not get their proportion until February 1886? No, not until the Intercolonial got theirs.

*By Mr. Davies:*

502. Do I understand you to say that the Inch Arran Hotel, before it was built had been advertised on the Intercolonial hand bills? No, the advertisement was inserted in the Intercolonial guide book. It was circulated during the winter of 1883-84.

503. Have you one of these with you? I have not, but I can get you one.

504. Was there any other hotel in the maritime provinces advertised besides the Inch Arran House? There were a large number of hotels advertised.

505. You did not advertise any of the Shediac hotels? I cannot say whether the Shediac hotels were advertised or not.

506. I want to know, because it is curious if the Inch Arran Hotel was advertised alone? Oh, it was not; there were a number of hotels. There were hotels at St. John and Halifax.

507. I am speaking of seaside hotels? I cannot tell you exactly the number. The book was published by contract from the hotels and the advertisements were solicited.

*By Mr. White (Cardwell):*

508. There were hotels at Bic Matane, Little Métis and at Cacouna? Yes.

Mr. J. R. BRUCE, called and examined:—

*By Mr. Davies:*

509. You are the auditor of the Intercolonial Railway? Yes.

510. Do you remember Mr. Cormier being in your department? Yes.

511. When was he discharged? I think he was discharged in October.

512. The 27th October, 1885? Yes.

513. Do you remember before his discharge his coming to you in reference to Robinson's returns for the months of June and July, 1885? He may have. I have no distinct recollection. It is quite usual for the clerks to come to me.