

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN — I am sure it will afford great pleasure to my hon. friend to read those articles himself.

Mr. Shehyn, the local Liberal candidate, was reported as saying: "You will obtain in a few months the graving dock, that enterprise which will not only help the progress, but be the life of St. Rochs and St. Sauveur. That graving dock is the beginning of important and gigantic works which will be built on the St. Charles. I think I can rely on being a member of the Commission," &c. He had the promise, no doubt, of an appointment, and he believed he could exercise a great deal of influence in the location of the graving dock. The report proceeded to say:—"Mr. Cauchon was called, and spoke with great success of the candidature of Mr. Shehyn, of his magnificent position in business and connection with the North Shore Railway, which was to be constructed by the local Government. He also referred to the graving dock, the construction of which would throw \$1,200,000 in St. Rochs and St. Sauveur, to say nothing of the large amounts which would be expended in Quebec for harbour improvements. Do you understand the effect of this? It is life and immense property for the city." He (Mr. Langevin) could also quote from the *Journal de Quebec* extracts to the same effect. The papers that were favourable to the Hon. President of the Council spoke of the great advantage it would be to have him elected. Mayor Murphy published a letter in which he said, after an interview with the Premier about this graving dock, that he was in a position to say what would be done for the city. Thus it would be seen that the graving dock was kept before the electors of Quebec to secure their support for the President of the Council. The *Morning Chronicle*, which was a special organ of the hon. gentleman and took a deep interest in his return, had a long article on the 21st of December appealing to the electors to support him on account of the great works he could get for Quebec. It contended this was not a question of persons or politics; the citizens of Quebec might not like the hon. gentleman, might be displeased with his conduct, might not have

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confidence in him, but all that should be set aside, and he should be elected because of the patronage he could get for the city. It said:—"Let us take for instance the proposed graving dock, on the construction of which on this side of the river we all place so much stress. Is it at all likely we shall improve our chances of obtaining this great work by showing ingratitude to a man like Mr. Mackenzie, who has so frequently expressed his willingness to act for the benefit of Quebec? Is it not more human to expect that in such event his decision would be favourable to the side which returns a professed and enthusiastic supporter. We believe so at least. Then, again, we have Lord Dufferin's proposed embellishments of the city, and new Castle of St. Louis on the Citadel which, if carried out, will not only lastingly improve Quebec beyond her hitherto wildest aspirations, but entail the expenditure of a large amount of money to the advantage of our population. Is it possible to conclude that the rejection of Mr. Cauchon and the election of Mr. Tarte would be calculated to propitiate the Federal Government and advance our interests in these particulars? For it must be remembered that more than three-quarters of the large sums necessary to carry out His Excellency's proposition must come from the Ottawa Treasury. We must not be understood to say that the realization of all these undertakings depend wholly on Mr. Cauchon; but we believe it will be generally admitted that it is much better to have a powerful friend at Court than none at all; while, on the other hand, Mr. Cauchon's defeat—which, however, we do not admit to be possible—could only indefinitely retard works pre-eminently needed at this moment by Quebec and its people." He (Mr. Langevin) could go on reading that article, but it would introduce side issues which he thought would be undesirable under the circumstances. The hon. member for Lévis had forgotten that instead of this being a God-send to the Conservatives it had really been used as an engine by the Liberals to carry their elections. It would be surprising if the electors of Centre and