

your knowledge, was not Mr. Galt's position as a Director essentially a nominal one?—*Ans.* I am not aware, nor do I consider that Mr. Galt in his negotiations acted in any manner as representing the Grand Trunk Company, nor am I aware that he ever took his seat at the Board of that Company prior to the amalgamation. Subsequent to the amalgamation he was not a Director.

Mr. Galt here finished his cross-examination of Mr. Holmes, and the Committee then adjourned until 10 a.m., on Friday next.

Friday, 5th June, 1857.

Committee met.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

GEORGE BROWN, Esquire, in the Chair;
 MR. SIMARD,
 MR. BELLINGHAM,
 MR. WILSON,
 MR. MASSON,
 MR. PAPIN,
 MR. CHRISTIE,
 Hon. MR. ATTY. GEN. MACDONALD, and
 MR. SOL. GEN. SMITH.

The Hon. John Ross was in attendance, and as President of the Grand Trunk Railway applied for permission to cross-examine Mr. Holmes on several points in his evidence.

The Committee granted the application.

Benjamin Holmes, Esquire, cross-examined by the Hon. John Ross :

Ques. 443. Were you a member of the Canadian Government in 1852?—*Ans.* I was not.

Ques. 444. Did the Government of that year consult you as to the arrangements they were making to secure the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway, or the terms of the contract then proposed to be entered into for its construction from Montreal to Toronto?—*Ans.* They did not consult me, nor had I any communication with any other party, respecting the construction of the Montreal and Toronto Road.

Ques. 445. Did the Railway Committee of that year consult you upon the subject?—*Ans.* I was never before the Railway Committee of 1852, nor was I consulted.

Ques. 446. Then all you know of the intentions of the Government, and the Railway Committee, regarding the Grand Trunk Railway proper, was derived from what you saw in the public press, and from reading the contract itself?—*Ans.* Certainly, such was the case.