

*By Mr. Dawson :*

Q. Is it not your experience, Dr. Selwyn, that, although scientists may have their different views, when they are at home they are always a very happy family?—It does not appear to be so in the Geological Department here. There is no harmony.

*By Mr. Holton :*

Q. Why is there not harmony?—I cannot tell. I was not aware of anything that should create discord.

*By Mr. Dawson :*

Q. But we were not aware that these witnesses would give evidence one way or the other. The witnesses which were called were men of such high character and standing; take Dr. Hunt, for instance, a man whose reputation is world-wide, who would suppose that he would take a side?—Everybody would who knows anything about the matter.

Q. And Prof. Chapman?—Prof. Chapman said nothing against the Survey.

*By Mr. Holton :*

Q. Why does harmony not exist in the Survey?—I was aware that Dr. Bell and Dr. Hunt were both offended with me, and I suspected they had taken steps to make trouble amongst the employés.

Q. Dr. Hunt is not at present a member of the Survey?—He was but not now.

Q. I am speaking of the present interference?—I believe Dr. Bell is always scheming. Sir William Logan himself said so, years ago.

Q. Surely Dr. Bell has not more control than you?—It is not control, but discontented persons can lead young men with them.

Q. You unhesitatingly attribute this discord to Dr. Bell?—I do not know that there is any discord in the Survey.

Q. You have said so?—Between Dr. Bell and myself. There is no discord between myself and Dr. Dawson, Mr. Whiteaves and Mr. Hoffmann; with none of them, in fact, except Mr. Fletcher, which, I think, was due mostly to his small salary. I have the whole correspondence.

Q. You have stated that the whole cause of the discord which exists is attributable to Dr. Bell?—Yes; there is no discord, except between Dr. Bell and myself, that I am aware of.

*By Mr. Baker :*

Q. Am I right in drawing the conclusion that the report of Mr. Torrance on the phosphate regions is a good and useful report?—I have not carefully looked over the whole of it yet, but from the little I have seen of it, that is my impression.

Q. What led to his dismissal or the discontinuance of his services?—Simply because he was employed temporarily. He was not appointed at all, and the sole reason was, that I considered he was altogether too slow with his work. I said to him, "If you cannot do this work more rapidly, Mr. Torrance, I do not think you will succeed in it, and you had better seek employment elsewhere." If I had any feeling for him, it was one of friendship. I have letters from him thanking me for my kindness in recommending him to people, &c. When he went out to this region, he spent six weeks in cutting a single line of four miles in length, and he also spent twenty days in Montreal getting information from Mr. Vennor, and when I find a man so desultory as that, I say he is not fitted for the work.

Q. This discontinuance of his services then, is more to be attributed to his slowness than any want of ability?—Yes; it was no want of ability.

Q. As regards Dr. Bell's map, of Moose River, is it possible for any surveyor, in so short a time as three days, to delineate upon a map the sinuosities of the coast line and to make it of any practical use?—I certainly think not.

Q. But Dr. Bell informed the Department that this was only a rough sketch, taking from two and a-half to three days, probably?—He did not; he thought it was a survey.

Q. Did he state so?—It is stated so on the map.