

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Wednesday, 27th May, 1891.

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m., Mr. Girouard in the Chair.

Investigation into certain circumstances and statements made in connection with the tenders and contracts respecting the Quebec Harbour Works, &c., resumed.

Mr. Woods recalled and his examination continued:

*By Mr. Geoffrion:*

Q. Did you prepare the statement that was asked for yesterday, in connection with the account of Kinipple and Morris when they were dismissed?—A. Yes, Sir; here it is:

(Exhibit "A 2½.")

OTTAWA, 26th May, 1891.

Statement of amounts paid on account of Louise Docks and Graving Dock contracts, to the 1st of August, 1883: Louise Docks: Peters, Moore & Wright, \$618,000.96; Graving Dock: Larkin, Connolly & Co., \$345,562.35; Wingham, Richardson & Co., \$29,331.45; Carrier, Laine & Co., \$19,076; Total, Graving Dock, \$393,969.80; Grand Total, \$1,011,970.76.

Q. This statement does not show whether Messrs. Kinipple and Morris were paid anything for the cross wall contract?—A. No, sir. That statement only shows the actual amount paid to the contractors. There was no work done on the cross wall. They were paid for the cross-wall plans at the rate of 2½ per cent.

Q. Upon an estimate of how much?—A. It is in the report. I forget the exact figures.

Q. Will you state when it appears by the books that Larkin, Connolly & Co. received their last payment for dredging on the basis of their contract of 1882?—A. On 4th April, 1887.

Q. How much?—A. \$17,056.27.

Q. This entry does not show when the work was done?—A. No, Sir. It is simply an entry of the amount paid to them of that date.

Q. Are you aware of your own personal knowledge when the last work was done for which settlement was made by this payment?—A. I am not, Sir. It must have been done in the previous season.

Q. But was it, from your own personal knowledge, done in the summer season of 1886?—A. Not to my own personal knowledge, but it must have been done then, because you cannot do dredging in April.

Q. I would like you to answer more precisely, did the firm work in 1886 at dredging?—A. Oh yes, Sir.

Q. Do you know whether there was any dredging done by Larkin, Connolly & Co. in 1888 and 1889?—A. The contract for what we call the new dredging work was signed in 1887.

Q. And when was the first payment made?—A. The first payment under the new contract for dredging was made on the 25th June, 1887.

Q. And when was the last payment made?—A. The last payment was made on the 7th July, 1890.

Q. But that was a payment for work done in 1889. What would be the amount of the last payment for work done in 1887?—A. \$27,250.58.

Q. Are you aware that Mr. Perley was replaced in the course of 1890?—A. I am aware that he was replaced. I am not aware that Mr. Boswell was appointed by the Board as Chief Engineer in 1890.