

1227. Engaged in any service there?—She is waiting to be employed, if necessary.

1228. Here is a receipt dated August, 1889, for \$102, signed Matthew Watts, for painting and other expenses incurred in connection with the boat "Grand Marais." Is that correct?—That was the \$102 expended on the "Grand Marais."

1229. The next item, \$106, was expended, most of it in repairs and in fitting out the boat?—No; that is not true.

1230. How much was paid for services and how much for repairs?—There is \$28 for Monkman. What is the amount?

1231. The \$106, and whatever was paid to Cornish as well, and repairs, these were public moneys expended on this boat?—Well, \$106, and \$102, yes.

1232. The \$106 was expended on a boat belonging to the Dominion Government, and which you bought without the knowledge of the Government?—Yes.

1233. Therefore without their authority?—Yes.

1234. And the purchase of which you have never reported to the Government?—Yes, I have.

1235. And the boat is now lying on the bank of the river?—The Red River, at Pegwith's.

1236. Will you give me the dates, please, of the item: "Provisions and cooking utensils, \$87"?—I wish to add something to the last question. I do it for the better information of the Committee. I am afraid that nearly all the members of the Committee have been confused by the attempt made to fasten this expenditure for a boat and skiff on Captain Begin's skiff, costing \$10 or \$15, and capable of holding three men. I state here now, that this boat is a boat capable of carrying four tons, and instead of carrying only four men, will carry half the members of this Committee.

1237. The "Grand Marais"?—Yes.

1238. What is her draught of water?—Six inches.

1239. A flat-bottomed boat, what is her draught aft?—Do you want an answer to that question?

1240. Mr. McGregor tells me she does not draw anything aft. Is the total draught six inches when she is equipped, and when a crew are on board?—If you will give me the avoirdupois of the Committee I will tell you.

1241. She is a vessel recognized as having a certain draught. What is her draught?—Six inches, and she has two sails and two masts.

1242. I was asking you to explain the item \$87 for provisions and utensils?—I am surprised you should leave such an interesting subject so quickly.

1243. I am glad it affords you so much amusement, Governor. It will be a pleasing episode in connection with your trip here. What boat were those provisions and cooking utensils for?—For the "Keewatin."

1244. That \$87 was for the "Keewatin"?—Yes.

1245. On what trip?—On her second trip to Lake Winnipeg in 1889.

1246. At what period?—On the 23rd August.

1247. Was any part of this for the first trip?—No.

1248. Neither the provisions or the cooking utensils?—No.

1249. The whole of that \$87 was for the second trip?—Except a chain and pump.

1250. What does that amount to?—Wells' invoice is on file here—put in as evidence here yesterday.

1251. Explain the item \$87?—The charge of \$68 is explained by two receipts.

1252. Was it \$67 or \$87? It is \$87, I think; I am speaking of the item for provisions and cooking utensils?—That is \$87. It is explained by two original receipts here: one from John L. Wells, \$36.80, and one from William Robinson, \$33.42.

1253. The account dated August 6th, 1887, from J. L. Wells for \$36.80, you swear is part of the item of \$87 in the Auditor General's Report?—Yes.

1254. And the items mentioned in this account you say were for use on board the "Keewatin"?—Yes.

1255. On a subsequent trip?—No.