

Q. Do I understand you then, that the books are in the custody of Martin P. Connolly?—A. They were the last time I saw them.

Q. You are a member of the firm?—A. Yes.

Q. Can you tell us whether, as a member of the firm, we can get the books by summoning Martin P. Connolly here?—A. The books are in his possession. I presume if he comes here he will bring them.

By Mr. Lister :

Q. How long has Martin Connolly been your bookkeeper?—A. For several years.

Q. For how many years?—A. Seven or eight.

Q. When was he first engaged by you?—A. I think in 1884.

Q. He has then been bookkeeper from 1884 to the present time?—A. Yes, Sir.

Q. During all the time these works were in progress?—A. Yes, Sir.

Q. And the firm consisted of whom during that period? Since 1884, I mean?
—A. Patrick Larkin, Nicholas Connolly and O. E. Murphy.

Q. This Martin Connolly has been your bookkeeper ever since?—A. Yes, I think he has.

Q. You have an office in Quebec?—A. We have.

Q. And the books are there?—A. I do not know whether they are there now; they were there when I saw them.

Q. Is Connolly still your book-keeper?—A. He was.

Q. I ask you is he still your bookkeeper?—A. I cannot answer that; he may, or may not be.

By Mr. Laurier :

Q. Who would have the discharging of him?—A. My brother or myself.

Q. Have you discharged him?—A. No.

Q. Have you any reason to believe that he is not your bookkeeper at present?
—A. He may or may not be; I cannot swear that he is our book-keeper now.

By Mr. Lister :

Q. Where is your brother?—A. He was in Kingston when last I saw him.

Q. Did he intend remaining in Kingston?—A. He did not tell me.

Q. Did he tell you where he was going?—A. No.

Q. Have you any reason to believe that he is leaving Canada?—A. I have not.

Q. Do you know if he received a subpoena to attend here?—A. I cannot say.

Q. Did he tell you anything about a subpoena?—A. He did not.

Q. Had he any conversation with you on this matter?—A. No.

Q. But you have spoken to him about it?—A. We may have talked about it from time to time.

Q. Did you tell him you were subpoenaed?—A. I did.

Q. Did he say anything to you about his having been subpoenaed?—A. He did not.

Q. Did you say anything to him about his getting out of the way?—A. No.

Q. And no conversation took place between you and your brother respecting this investigation?—A. I could not say that, except he will come here whenever he is wanted.

Q. You do not know whether the bookkeeper is there or not?—A. I do not.

Q. Nor where he has the books?—A. I do not.

Q. You do not know where they are?—A. I do not.

Q. Is Martin Connolly at Quebec still?—He was in Kingston a few days ago.

By Mr. German :

Q. You have no objection to produce the books here?—A. I cannot say that without consulting counsel. I want to have some legal advice before producing them here.