

Q. Was it received by you?—A. Yes.

Q. Read it?

(Exhibit "I 2.")

" DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CANADA,
OTTAWA, 17th March, 1886.

"MY DEAR ROBERT,—Larkin and Murphy are here. Larkin has learned a good deal of what has been done. The estimate for February is through and amounts to over twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$25,000), that makes nearly seventy-five thousand dollars gone out within a month. They ought to be flush out there now. I sent you to-day the Votes and Proceedings about what Edgar asks about Baie des Chaleurs R. W. Pope sent for me to ask what answer he would give. I agreed that he should give the required information, but will state that I have notified him of my withdrawal from the direction and severed my connection with the Company. Other questions will follow. Pope told me that they have put in some answer which he has sent to the Minister of Justice. I will go and examine them to see what they have put in. Your letter received; I will attend to what you ask.

"Yours truly,

"THOMAS MCGREEVY."

"Murphy will not leave before to-morrow evening.—T. M."

Q. Please identify this letter also?—A. It is in the handwriting of Thomas McGreevy and signed by him.

Q. And addressed to you?—A. Yes.

Q. What is the heading?—A. "Ottawa, 1st March, 1886, Department Public Works, Canada."

Q. Read?

(Exhibit "J 2.")

" DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS, CANADA,
" OTTAWA, 1st March, 1886.

"DEAR ROBERT,—Nothing new since I wrote you last. I hope Lortie will receive his letter authorizing him to go on with his grading around the Hall. The total amount is \$7,800, levelling and grading. The matter is all settled, but he will have to wait until the money is voted for payment. I have had a long interview with Perley on Harbour Works and Graving Dock at B. C. Fleming was to have signed his report to-day on Harbour works. It will be shown to me as soon as signed. I will see it to-morrow and Sir Hector and myself will decide what is to be done for future. He will adopt my views. I will see you and Murphy about it before doing anything. It is a big thing for the future. I think the fight will commence on Riel question on Wednesday next. Blake and the Grits will vote straight against the Government with the French for hanging of Riel. If that is the case, the Government majority will be about thirty-five in place of seventy-four, a more healthy state of affairs. I cannot tell yet whether I will be able to go down this week or not, because I think the debate on the Riel question will last for a week.

I think the Graving Dock at B. C. will be lengthened, they are now making estimates of. I think he is going to put another \$150,000 in estimates for it.

Weather very cold.

"Yours truly,

"THOMAS MCGREEVY."

Q. Do you identify this?—A. This is a letter in the handwriting of Thomas McGreevy and is signed by him.

Q. What is the date?—A. 11th March, 1886.

Q. Read?

(Exhibit "K 2.")

" DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS, CANADA.
OTTAWA, 11th March, 1886.

"MY DEAR ROBERT,—I enclose you the amount of estimates for December and January. The January one includes the new system of measurement. The advance