

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

Taken by the Select Committee of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL on the RETURN to the ADDRESS on the subject of the Progress of the PUBLIC BUILDINGS at OTTAWA.

SATURDAY, 17TH MAY, 1862.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

The Honorable MR. MOORE, CHAIRMAN,

The Hon. Mr. SEYMOUR,	The Hon Mr. TESSIER,
“ “ “ ROSS,	“ “ “ E. H. J. DUCHESNAY,
“ “ “ CAMPBELL,	“ “ “ DESSAULLES,
“ “ “ ALEXANDER.	“ “ “ SKEAD,

The Honorable *Hamilton H. Killaly*, called in and examined.

Honorable *H. Killaly*,
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1. Hon. Mr. *Ross*.] From what period have you been connected with the Public Works of the country?—I came to this Province in 1834, since which period I may say I have been engaged in all the Public Works of the Country. On the re-organization of the “Board of Public Works” by Mr. Thompson, afterwards Lord Sydenham, I presided over it as Chairman, with a seat in the Council. Subsequently, when the Act was passed, substituting for the Board of Works “A Department of Public Works,” with two Commissioners, the Chief Commissioner being the political head of it, the other the Assistant Commissioner, on whom devolved principally the practical duties of the office, I was appointed to the latter post.

2. Are you still connected with the Departments of Public Works, and if so, how?—I am Chief Engineer of the Welland Canal, and am required to perform the duties of Engineer to the several public works west of Kingston.

3. Prior to your coming to this country, what had been the nature of your employment?—I was brought up to the profession of Architect, to which I served five years. I was also educated for and practiced as a Civil Engineer. In the former capacity, I commenced as Clerk of Works on extensive Government buildings, and I was subsequently employed as Architect in various public buildings, such as Jails, Court Houses, Barracks, &c. As an Engineer I was at an early age employed as Superintendent on a portion of the Grand Canal from Dublin to the River Shannon. After that, as Resident Engineer on