

Q. Are you secretary, now?—A. I am acting secretary now.

Q. Who is President of the Finance Committee now?—A. Well, our sub-committees have never been reorganized since Mr. Verret left, and any three commissioners can sign an account. They constitute themselves a sub-committee, and our law is that each account must be approved of by any three commissioners. I have never, since I have taken charge, looked the matter up, to see how the committees were divided.

Q. Did you bring with you a statement of what was really due at the time of the notarial settlement with Kinipple and Morris?—A. I have brought the books, and the books will show.

Q. Did you examine them and can you make now a statement to that effect?—A. I did not examine them closely, but, speaking from memory, I think that Kinipple and Morris were simply paid what they earned. The report specified they were to be paid on two contracts and their plans of cross wall.

Mr. DAVIES—That is what they had earned up to the time of their dismissal?—A. Yes, up to the time of their dismissal.

The CHAIRMAN—The facts to substantiate that are here up to date.

Hon. Mr. LAURIER—The statement had better be made of what they received.

The CHAIRMAN—It is in the report. It shows the firm's total to be \$64,211.45, less paid \$49,165.11, leaving a balance due them of \$15,046.34.

Mr. GEOFFRION—That may be the total of their claim and the receipts—that is why I want the facts.

The CHAIRMAN—They received 5 per cent. commission on \$500,000 to cover the total claim and charges on the Graving Dock. They are also to be paid 5 per cent. commission on \$679,596, amount awarded by Messrs. Kinipple and Morris for harbour improvements, on Messrs. Peters, Moore and Wright's contract.

Mr. STUART—As a matter of fact, they claimed a subsequent amount on the ground that there was an error. That was paid.

Mr. GEOFFRION—It seems to me the Committee ought to know upon what basis this money was paid.

The CHAIRMAN—Here are the whole of the figures from the report: First, to pay 5 per cent. commission on \$500,000, to cover the total claim and charges on the Graving Dock; second, to pay 5 per cent. commission on \$679,596, amount awarded by Messrs. Kinipple and Morris, for harbour improvements, on Messrs. Peters, Moore and Wright's contract; third, paid 2½ per cent. on plans for the cross wall, estimated by Messrs. Kinipple and Morris at £43,000 sterling—say, \$209,266; fourth, Messrs. Kinipple and Morris to be retained as consulting engineers at a salary of \$1,000 per annum for three years. They had received a total of \$49,165.11, leaving a balance.

WITNESS.—What has been paid to Peters, Moore and Wright would establish one part of it, and there is still an acknowledgment of about \$50,000 due to them. We have paid the contractors \$675,799.15. Nobody had anything to do with the Peters, Moore & Wright contract except Kinipple and Morris. This would establish what their percentage was for the Louise Docks.

Mr. GEOFFRION.—I would just ask you this question:—Whether you could prepare a statement according to the book of what was paid up to the date of their dismissal?—A. I will make it, Sir.

Hon. Mr. LAURIER.—A statement of the claim that Kinipple and Morris have made out, and the statement of the payments made to them up to date?—A. I cannot make a statement of their claim, but I can make a statement from my books of the amount paid to the different contractors on account of harbour improvements, and show what they ought to have got 5 per cent. on.

Mr. STUART.—They were paid according to agreement, 5 per cent. commission on the value of the work.

The Committee then adjourned.