

22. How came the difference in the wording of the warrants; why was the wording made different?—Because the Order in Council stated that the sums were to be paid to Mr. Drummond and not to the Receiver General. The form was—“That a warrant do issue in favour of A. Drummond, Manager of the Ottawa Branch of the Bank of Montreal.”

23. Which order is that?—That was for the order for the \$30,000.

24. What is the date, pray?—The first warrant related to the second appropriation; and the one I have read was the warrant issued in favour of A. Drummond, Esq., Manager.

25. What is the date?—1st July, 1870. The next warrant was drawn in favour of A. Drummond, Esq., Manager of Bank of Montreal.

26. What is the amount?—\$10,000.

27. And the date?—December, 1870.

28. The subsequent warrants were all alike?—No doubt they were, but the Order in Council is rather different. It recognized the carrying out of the sum to the credit of the Sub-Committee on Secret Service moneys. I will see how the warrant is drawn.

29. Have we transcripts of the other warrants?—My certificate is the same in all cases. The first one with reference to the \$75,000 vote is one drawn in July, 1870, certifying a warrant for \$30,000 in favour of the Bank of Montreal on account. The second certifies that a warrant may issue in favor of A. Drummond, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, as is also the third. But previous warrants were certified in favour of the Receiver-General, and it was kept as a special account.

30. It is stated in the account of the Bank of Montreal brought forward, that in 1868, when the warrants were dealt with differently, the account was closed, but the expenditure runs from June 10th, 1868, to October 18th, 1869, outrunning therefore that financial year, as I understood it?—Yes.

31. That money was voted for the fiscal year; which fiscal year was it?—The \$50,000 was voted in 1868.

32. For the service of what year?—For 1868.

33. The fiscal year 1867-8, or 1868-9?—For the fiscal year 1867-8.

By Mr. T. N. Gibbs:—

34. This vote was passed in 1868. It was not for 1867-8, but for 1868-9. *Witness.* It was passed 5th June, 1868.

By Mr. Blake:—

35. For what year was the appropriation made?—According to the vote it was made for the year 1867-8.

36. The appropriation was for the financial year 1867-8, but the Order in Council in reference to it issued within a few days of the expiration of that year. This was on the 6th of June, and the financial year expired on the 30th of that month. The expenditure for that financial year seems to be included in four cheques made out in June, and amounting to about \$21,000. The whole of the residue expenditure seems to have taken place in the financial year 1868-9?—The sum of \$15,000 was spent in 1867-8.

37. Only \$15,000?—Yes.

38. The cheques on the Bank of Montreal show the following payments in June, 1868: 10th, \$4,000; 12th, \$100; 13th, \$15,000, and 29th, \$2,891 41. The account is continued through July, August, September, October, November (1868), February, March, April, May, August and October, 1869. Of two cheques in October—one of the 7th is apparently a cheque drawn for the balance of the amount on deposit, making the \$50,000. The question is, how much of the expenditure on this account took place during the financial year for which the sum was voted?—We had no possibility of knowing when they issued cheques or paid them, but we were informed that this amount of \$15,086.41 was charged to that year, and accordingly it was entered in the Public Accounts.