

Q. Do you know whether the work was continued during the following year?—
A. I believe it was, at the same rate and conditions.

Q. Do you know if there are any minutes ordering the continuation of these works?—There are references to it through the minutes.

Q. It would require a long search?—A. Yes.

Q. Then take a note of it. Will you make a search to see if any such entries are made?—A. I will.

Q. My question would apply also to 1889. Do you know whether the same work was continued in 1889?—A. I cannot answer for that.

Q. Could you ascertain by your books whether the work was continued in 1889?—A. Possibly I could.

Q. If you could not from the books you have brought with you, are you in a position to ascertain it at your office in Quebec?—A. I have all the Engineer's certificates here, they will show it.

Q. Do you know whether any tenders were asked for and received in connection with the cross wall contract in 1883?—A. A minute of the 2nd May, 1883, reads as follows:

“The tenders received for the construction of a cross wall in connection with the harbour improvements are then placed on the table and opened, the said tenders being signed by the following named parties respectively:

- 1st. Larkin, Connolly & Murphy, Lévis.
- 2nd. J. Samson & A. Samson, Quebec.
- 3rd. John Gallagher, Montreal.
- 4th. George Beaucage, Quebec.
- 5th. Simon Peters and Edward Moore, Quebec.

“Each of the said tenders enclosing an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$7,500 made to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, is then examined separately, and the whole having been found prepared in conformity with the stipulation of the advertisement published, the Secretary is thereupon directed to forward by mail the said tenders, with their cheques, to the Hon. the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa.

Q. So that tenders were opened in Quebec?—A. Yes.

Q. So from this the tenders would be in the Public Works Department here?—
A. They were in the Department.

Q. You do not find any record that they were returned?—A. They were returned; yes, Sir.

Q. Are they among the papers you brought here?—A. They are, Sir.

Q. All these tenders mentioned?—A. All the original tenders except the tender of Larkin, Connolly & Co., which was in the possession of the notary.

Q. Which was annexed to the contract?—A. Yes. All the other original tenders are here.

Q. Will you be kind enough to say whether the whole board was present when the tenders were opened, and give the names of the persons present?—A. There was one absent. Those present were: P. V. Valin, Chairman, Hon. Thomas McGreevy, Ferdinand Hamel, William Rae, Julien Chabot, John Sharples, L. Bell Forsythe and R. R. Dobell.

Q. The Mr. McGreevy you mention is Thomas McGreevy, is it not?—A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Have you any letter from Mr. Perley calling the attention of the Commissioners to errors or informalities in the tenders in question—in the cross wall tenders?—A. Yes. I do not recollect any authorized report. The only thing I recollect is a minute of the 4th June, 1883, on page 508 of minute book No. 4. Letter numbered 156 from F. H. Ennis, Secretary of the Public Works Department, Ottawa, transmitting a copy of the Order in Council, dated 28th May last, accepting the tender of Messrs. Larkin, Connolly & Co., for the construction of a proposed cross wall, in connection with the harbour improvements at the mouth of the River