

## Public Accounts Committee.

Q. Well, you produce an abstract in the face of certain letters and accounts of Richards & Bradshaw, Perdue, O. H. Clarke, Metcalfe, and Wade ; constables and magistrates, and H. M. Howell ; is that correct ?—A. Yes, that is correct. (Tendered as Exhibits Nos. 6 to 10, inclusive.)

Q. And what after that, Mr. Shanks ?—A. A telegram from Hon. Mr. Sifton to Archibald & Howell, dated the 20th of March, 1897. (Tendered as Exhibit No. 11.)

Q. Next ?—A. Telegram from Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Archibald & Howell, dated 5th April, 1897. (Tendered as Exhibit No. 12.)

Q. And the next ?—A. Copy of letter, Archibald & Howell to Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, dated 5th April, 1897. (Tendered as Exhibit No. 13.)

*By the Solicitor General :*

Q. Here is a letter marked private ?—A. That is a copy.

Q. You are not going to produce copies of private correspondence, are you ? I take exception to the production of this, but I do not press it for the present.

*By Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper :*

Q. What is the next paper ?—A. Copy of a letter from Archibald & Howell to Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, dated 7th April, 1897. (Tendered as Exhibit No. 14.)

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER.—This is marked "private" also ; a letter from Archibald & Howell to Hon. Mr. Laurier, dated 7th April, 1897.

The Solicitor General took formal exception to its production.

*By Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper :*

Q. Next one ?—A. I brought a copy of a letter from Mr. Howell to Hon. Mr. Sifton, but that was in evidence last year, and you do not need it. It is dated 27th of March, 1897.

Being already in evidence as Exhibit "A," this letter was not required.

Q. Now, the next one ?—A. Copy of account for disbursements, dated 27th March, 1897 ; amount, \$6,315.08. (Tendered as Exhibit No. 15.)

Q. Next ?—A. Well, now, Sir Hibbert, here are the details of that : that is in lump ; this is in detail, and here are the vouchers. Mr. Howell had them last year, and I produce them again now.

Q. You yourself have verified these vouchers ?—A. Yes.

Q. You say yourself you have verified them ?—A. They are all verified, except three or four marked "no voucher." Some of these are our own cheques, you know.

Q. They are your own cheques, and what are the rest ?—A. Receipts where we paid cash.

Q. Vouched by Archibald & Howell's cheque or by receipt ?—A. Yes.

(These receipts and cheques are not produced, by consent.)

Q. What is the next ?—A. You have a copy of the details of the \$5,000 entry here in evidence now.

Q. This is a copy of the account that was in evidence, beginning 26th June, 1896 ?—A. Yes.

Q. That is taken from a book ?—A. It is in evidence now as Exhibit "C," on page 134, except that in the original no amounts are extended, and there is no heading to the account.

Q. And this is taken from what ?—A. Mr. Howell dictated that to the stenographer from a memo. pad he kept on his desk, not a book ; one of these blotter diaries, two or three days to the week.

Q. When was this dictated to the stenographer ?—A. At the the conclusion of the cases, I think.