

Q. You were strangers in the city of Quebec?—A. Yes.

Q. Why did you take Robert McGreevy in?—A. We commenced work in 1878 and worked according to the plans and specifications given by Kinipple and Morris under the supervision of Mr. Pilkington. These plans—

Mr. Cameron objected to the further examination of witness at present time as extending beyond the limits suggested by Mr. Tarte.

Objection sustained.

Mr. MICHAEL CONNOLLY SWORN :

*By Mr. Tarte :*

Q. You have been a member of the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co.?—A. I have an interest in some of the works, as Captain Larkin has told you.

Q. What works?—A. The Graving Dock at Point Lévis; the Cross-Wall and the Dredging contracts.

Q. At Quebec, you mean?—A. Yes, Sir, and the Graving Dock in British Columbia.

Q. In all, four or five?—A. In five or six; I was interested in everything they had in hand.

Q. Have you got with you, or if not with you here, have you in your possession the books and papers in connection with the works and transactions of your firm?—A. No; I have not.

Q. Can you tell us where they are?—A. No; I cannot from where I stand.

Q. Do you not know?—A. Possibly they may be in Quebec. They were in Quebec the last I saw of them.

Q. When did you see them the last time?—A. I do not recollect having seen them for two or three years.

Q. You have not seen any of the books of the firm since that time?—A. I may have seen the books that Larkin, Connolly & Co. kept in connection with the Graving Dock at Point Lévis. I do not think I have seen them since.

Q. The Graving Dock has been finished a long time?—A. Yes; several years.

Q. You have just stated that you have an interest in several contracts of the firm since that time?—A. Yes.

Q. The last one was the dredging in Quebec Harbour and the Dock in British Columbia? They were in progress at the same time?—A. No; one was finished before the other.

Q. You kept books at the time these works were in progress?—A. Our firm kept books, but I never paid any attention to them.

Q. You have seen them?—A. I have seen them, but I never bothered with the books.

Q. What was the last time you saw the books?—A. I cannot say what was the last time that I saw the Graving Dock books.

Q. I am not speaking of the Graving Dock books; I am referring to all the books of the firm?—A. I have seen the books of the firm during the progress of the different works. The last time I was in Quebec, I saw them lying on the desk in the office.

Q. When were you in Quebec last?—A. Five or six weeks ago.

Q. You saw the books of the firm then?—A. I saw some lying on the desk; I did not examine them.

Q. Did you receive a subpoena to bring all the books of the firm here?—A. I received a notice at Kingston. I brought everything I had there.

Q. But you have not brought the books of the firm with you?—A. No; because I had not them there.

Q. In whose custody are they?—A. I cannot answer that. They are probably in the office at Quebec.

Q. In whose custody?—A. I suppose they are in the custody of the firm.

Q. You are a member of the firm and still you say you have not got them. In whose special custody will they be?—A. Martin P. Connolly's.