

estimate to-day without fail and to make no deduction on account of material this month, so the whole will be allowed in the estimate this time and only 12½ on future estimates and all new material the value to be allowed less 10 per cent., so the matter is now settled.

On Monday morning I will have the Department of Public Works notify the Bank of British North America here the amount of estimate which will be paid them, and get them to telegraph amount to their bank at Quebec. If this arrangement does not suit Mr. Murphy, telegraph me what he wants done and I will have it done for him. It is now understood that Bennett, the Engineer at B. C. will not suit, so the Minister and Perley are prepared to change him. He asked if I could recommend one. Could you think of one that would suit, and I would have the Minister appoint him. Try and get the \$72 for Chaloner for Monday for interest, Quebec Bank note. I will send the money next week. We have been sitting since Thursday at 3 p.m., and will not adjourn until midnight to-night. It is terrible to stand it. We can get nothing done by Ministers. Everything is upset. The North Shore question is settled. The Pacific is to have it to themselves absolutely for \$1,500,000 in cash to build another within 30 days after the session. The Pacific is to build the new line themselves, failing to obtain the North Shore within that time.

“Yours,
“THOMAS.”

By Mr. Edgar :

- Q. Is that in your brother's handwriting?—A. Yes.
Q. And signed by him?—A. It is signed “Thomas.”

By Mr. Geoffrion :

- Q. I understand this letter also is written by him to you?—A. It is written to me.
Q. Please read it?

(Exhibit “H 2.”)

“OTTAWA, 4th May.

“DEAR ROBERT,—As I telegraphed you this morning, no estimate has been telegraphed. Everything and every order has been sent to them that was possible to make them understand. But still there was a dispatch from them to-day which cost \$15, which they had in writing for over a month out there. Perley went to see Page this morning to try and get another engineer to send out at once and dismiss Bennett. He that goes out will get his instructions before going out.

“Yours truly,
“THOMAS.”

- Q. What year is that?—A. It does not say.
Q. What year would it be?—A. I have endorsed upon it 4th May, 1885.

By the Chairman :

- Q. When did you make that endorsement—at the time?—A. No.
Q. When did you make it?—A. When I was filing the letters away.
Q. How long after was that?—A. Here is another endorsement upon it; that would be within a few days after I received them.
Q. What is the year mentioned in the second endorsement?—A. 1885.
Q. You have no doubt it was 1885? A. No doubt.

By Mr. Geoffrion :

- Q. Do you identify this letter?—A. This letter is dated Ottawa, 17th March, 1886; written by Thomas McGreevy in his handwriting and signed by him.
Q. Addressed to you?—A. Yes.
Q. What is the heading on the paper? A. It is Department of Public Works, Canada.