

sums of money paid and allowed to them out of the public funds for extras and for damages, indicate without any reasonable doubt that this firm had gained a controlling influence over the Minister and Department of Public Works.

That influence we believe to have been largely exercised through Mr. Thomas McGreevy.

It was suggested that the frauds might have been perpetrated upon the Department through improper influences used upon Perley and Boyd, the engineers, but the closest examination of the books and the witnesses failed to disclose evidence of any improper payments having been made to Boyd, while the only one made to Perley was that in 1887 of the jewelry and diamonds—a time long after many of the contracts had been improperly awarded and moneys improperly paid.

Except the desire to please and obey the Minister at the head of the Department, we cannot discover any motives which would induce these engineers to assist in defrauding the public in order to put money in the pockets of Larkin, Connolly & Co.

It is true we find that Boyd is a party to the fraud connected with the awarding of the Cross-wall contract, and that Perley was a party to this and other frauds in the letting of the contracts and the payment of the moneys to Larkin, Connolly & Co., but the fruits of these frauds did not go into their pockets, but into the pockets of Thomas McGreevy, towards the support of the newspaper *Le Monde*, to which Sir Hector swore he himself financially contributed, so that he might have a controlling influence over it if and when required, and to the fund managed by Thomas McGreevy on behalf of the party in the District of Quebec in the political interest of Sir Hector Langevin.

All which is respectfully submitted.

We recommend the foregoing as the Report of the Committee.

D. MILLS,  
L. H. DAVIES.

Sir John Thompson moved that the Draft Report submitted by the Sub-Committee and marked "A" be adopted as the Report of the Committee.

Mr. Mills (Bothwell) moved in amendment, that the said motion be not concurred in, but that the Draft Report marked "B" be reported to the House as the Report of the Committee.

And the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following division, viz.:

YEAS: *Messieurs* Amyot, Beausoleil, Choquette, Davies, Edgar, German, Lange-lier, Lister and Mills (*Bothwell*).—9.

NAYS: *Messieurs* Adams, Baker, Chapleau, Coatsworth, Costigan, Curran, Desjardins (*L'Islet*), Ives, Kirkpatrick, Masson, McDonald (*Victoria*), McLeod, Moncrieff, Thompson (*Sir John*), Tupper and Wood (*Brockville*).—17.

And the question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to on the same division *reversed*.

*Resolved*, That the said Draft Report marked "A" be the Report of the Committee, and that the same be presented to the House with the minutes of proceedings and evidence attached thereto.

*Attest,*

WALTER TODD,  
*Clerk of the Committee.*