

not to have done?—A. I never complained particularly by saying that some one was doing wrong in the Commission; I simply said what I have told in my examination-in-chief, namely, that Mr. McGreevy had the air of taking the control of matters, and always made use of Sir Hector's name, and I wanted to assure myself, by private conversation with Sir Hector as well as by private conversation with Mr. McGreevy, whether such was really the case. Then, I said certain things to Sir Hector, which were afterwards repeated to me, particularly the last words that I have just told: 'that if the Commission did not do well he would dissolve the Commission.' These words were repeated and reported to me by Mr. McGreevy, and that proved that communications were made between Mr. McGreevy and Sir Hector."

Again, at page 499 :

*"By Mr. Amyot :*

"Q. If it was not according to what you considered right to be done at the time, why did you not speak of it before the Harbour Commission, and why did you not speak about it to Sir Hector Langevin?—A. I did not speak to Sir Hector Langevin about it because I had his words I have told you, namely: that I should act and not make any mistake; to follow Mr. McGreevy and I could not make a mistake, for that he was our mutual friend, a trusty man—and then I followed him. I did not speak about it to the Harbour Commission, because it was Mr. McGreevy's wish that it would not be spoken about.

*"By Mr. Curran :*

"Q. So that it is with regard to his position as Minister of Public Works that you had relation with Sir Hector?—A. Always with Sir Hector.

*"By Mr. Amyot :*

"Q. Of how many members was the Harbour Commission composed?—A. We were nine.

"Q. Five were appointed by the Government?—A. Yes; five by the Government.

"Q. And it was the majority of the nine who appointed the chairman?—A. Yes, sir.

"Q. Had you cognizance whether a contract was made for 35 cents a yard for the deepening of the Basin?—A. There were two contracts.

"Q. The second contract?—A. Yes, sir.

"Q. You only ratified the instructions that came from Ottawa?—A. Yes through the medium of Mr. McGreevy, who spoke in the name of Mr. Langevin, and I believe I spoke about this to the Minister, as I said when I was examined before.

"Q. You said that the contract for dredging at 35 cents was given by the orders and directions given by Mr. McGreevy, as representing Sir Hector Langevin at the Harbour Commission?—A. I said that I saw by that, after having been informed by Mr. McGreevy that it was all correct, that the matter had been decided by all the Commission as it is entered in the minutes.

"Q. Is it not true that this contract for 35 cents, of which you have just spoken as having been given because Mr. McGreevy had requested that it should be so done in the name of the Department, was given at a meeting of the Commission held on the 10th of May, 1887, and that this was on the authority of a letter written by Mr. Perley?—A. I do not tell you that a letter did not come from Mr. Perley; I am not speaking to you about that at all; but I tell you that I had the idea from Mr. McGreevy telling me that it must be done, that it was the best thing to do and that we must do it."

In the evidence of Sir Hector Langevin, and which was presented in the form of a carefully-prepared written statement, Sir Hector makes no allusion to Mr. Dobell's statement above given nor does he question the accuracy of Mr. Valin's statements with respect to this and other contracts of the Quebec Harbour Commission, excepting one. Sir Hector says :