

Then in the minutes of the 18th June, 1883, at page 16 :

“ *Resolved*, That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to inform the Resident Engineer, Mr. W. Pilkington, that inasmuch as Messrs. Kinipple and Morris have been notified by this Commission that they are not the engineers of the Harbour improvements and the Graving Dock, he be notified that in future to report directly to this Commission until further orders.”

Q. How long did Mr. Pilkington remain in the employ of the Harbour Commissioners afterwards?—A. I cannot say exactly.

Q. Could you find out? Why did he go will be a question we will ask later on.—A. It was some months afterwards.

Q. You have brought with you I suppose the protest that was served in notarial form on Messrs. Kinipple and Morris?—A. I think so. I brought all the notarial documents I had.

Q. Have you also brought the letter which as stated in the minutes was received by the Commission in answer to the protest?—A. I think so.

Q. You have brought all the notarial documents in connection with that?—A. All that were in my possession.

Q. Will you state whether among those notarial documents, there is a notarial settlement between the Commission and Messrs. Kinipple and Morris?—A. Yes.

Q. By the minutes, what would be the date of that settlement?—A. Here is the resolution of the 2nd August, 1883, page 43, of minute book No. 5:

“ *Resolved*, That the Notary to this Commission be directed to prepare a discharge, based on the report from the special committee adopted at this meeting, and that when the same will be approved by the legal advisers to the Commission, the chairman and the secretary-treasurer be, and are hereby authorized to sign such discharge, and pay the sum of \$15,046.34 to Messrs. Kinipple and Morris in full settlement of their claim against the Commission for the time they have been their engineers.”

I should have read the following as the real settlement :

“ *Resolved*, That the sum of \$15,046.34 be paid to Messrs. Kinipple and Morris in full settlement of their claim as engineers to the Commissioners, under the terms of their agreement, specified in their letter, of the 23rd August, in the year 1875, and accepted by the Commissioners at their meeting, held the 24th day of said month of August, it being understood that Messrs. Kinipple and Morris, through Mr. Morris, duly authorized to that effect, will give to the Commissioners a notarial discharge of all responsibilities, &c., connected with said terms of agreement, the Commissioners on their part giving a similar discharge, and that Messrs. Kinipple and Morris be retained as consulting engineers to the Commission, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum for three years.”

Q. Who were present at that meeting?—A. P. V. Valin, Thomas McGreevy, Julien Chabot, Ferdinand Hamel, R. R. Dobell, Edmond Giroux, W. Rae and J. Bell Forsythe.

Q. You have referred to a special committee to attend to this settlement with Kinipple and Morris? Will you give us the names of that committee appointed on the part of the Commissioners?—A. I have the report. That would, perhaps, be the best to give in answer to that question.

Q. What are the names?—A. The report is signed by P. V. Valin, Thomas McGreevy, Julien Chabot and R. R. Dobell. (Report of Special Committee filed and marked “Exhibit Q.” Letter from Messrs. Kinipple and Morris *re* terms, dated 24th August, 1875, filed and marked “Exhibit R.”)

By Mr. Geoffrion :

Q. Was not Mr. Thomas McGreevy also president of what is known as the Finance Committee of the Harbour Commission?—A. I could not speak of this Committee, Sir. Not being secretary, I could not tell.