

*By Mr. Davies :*

Q. Was Mr. Thomas McGreevy aware of the respective interests you had in these contracts?—A. Yes.

Q. From conversations you had with him?—A. Yes.

Q. Did you have conversations directly with him as to the interest his brother was to have?—A. Yes ; directly with Thomas McGreevy himself.

Q. Before his brother was taken in he knew directly what interest Robert McGreevy was to have?—A. Yes.

Q. From conversations with you?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Mills (Bothwell) :*

Q. Who began the conversations?—A. Thomas McGreevy himself. He told me his brother had enough and he did not want me to be out of the firm. He said 30 per cent. was enough. He told me further that he told Captain Larkin that, coming down on the cars.

*By Mr. Lister :*

Q. Before Robert McGreevy was taken into the firm did you have conversations with Thomas McGreevy?—A. Yes.

Q. About these contracts?—A. Yes.

Q. In what regard? About what?—A. About the removal of Kinipple and Morris, the engineers.

Q. They were the engineers on the work?—A. Yes; they were the engineers on the work of the Lévis Graving Dock at that time for the Harbour Commission.

Q. You wanted them removed?—A. Yes.

Q. Robert McGreevy was not then a partner?—A. He became a partner, I think, in 1882, but I had several conversations with Thomas McGreevy previous to that.

Q. Previous to Robert becoming a partner?—A. Yes.

Q. Did you want these men removed before, or after Robert McGreevy became a partner?—A. Before and after.

Q. Then you had conversations with Thomas McGreevy as to the removal of these engineers?—A. Yes.

Q. When was that?—A. Along in 1881 most of the time, and partly in 1882.

Q. Robert was a partner then?—A. He was in 1882.

Q. What did you tell him about your wish as to having the engineers removed?—A. They were very severe on us in keeping us to the letter of the contract, and it was a question whether we would have to give up the contract or the engineers be dismissed?

Q. It was a question as to whether you should live up to the contract or the engineers be dismissed?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON—He did not say “live up to the contract,” he said “give up the contract.”

WITNESS.—Yes; give up the contract.

Q. Why would you have to give it up?—A. Because we could not complete it at the prices given; and the way they were forcing us to do the work.

Q. So that you would have to give it up?—A. Yes.

Q. In other words you could not live up to it?—A. No.

Q. So you thought you should get rid of the engineers?—A. If possible.

Q. You spoke to Thomas McGreevy about that?—A. Yes.

Q. What did you say to him?—A. There were several conversations, I cannot remember them all.

Q. You cannot recollect the details?—A. No.

*By the Chairman :*

Q. When was the first conversation?—A. We had so many, it is impossible for me to recollect.