

COMMITTEE ROOM,

WEDNESDAY, 21st June, 1899.

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts met this morning with Mr. FRASER, Guysboro', in the Chair.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked leave to submit to the Committee the following documents in connection with the Manitoba Election Fraud Prosecutions:—The judge's charge in the case of the Queen vs. William Clarke, first and second trials. Queen vs. George B. Anderson, first and second trials. Queen vs. Anderson and Queen vs. Mawhinney, six papers.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER said:—I would like it entered on the record that as we have ordered—these are parts of the notes; they can only be got from the Attorney General of Manitoba, and I think it would be unfair that those should go in at present. We have asked for the full notes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK.—I agree; that is fair. I offer these papers.

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By consent of the Public Accounts Committee, given this day, Mr. Fraser (Guysboro'), Chairman of the Committee, the Solicitor General, and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper met.

Mr. R. H. SHANKS, Winnipeg, was called and examined:—

By Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper:

Q. Have you the subpoena that was sent you, with you?—A. Yes, I produce it. It is dated Ottawa, 19th of May, 1899. (Marked as Exhibit No. 4.)

Q. Now, what papers and documents have you been able to procure in obedience to that summons, Mr. Shanks?—A. Pretty near everything you asked for, Sir Charles.

Q. Would you kindly state from the headings or give an abstract of what you brought; you have them endorsed, I suppose?—A. Yes, roughly.

Q. Would you give us the first?—A. Copy of a letter from Archibald and Howell to C. M. Weber, dated 16th of August, 1896.

Q. Mr. Weber is Pinkerton's superintendent?—A. Yes, at St. Paul. (Tendered as Exhibit No. 5.)

Q. What is the next document you have?—A. The memo. referred to by Mr. Howell on page 87 of the printed evidence of last year, used by him when he appeared before the Ministers at Ottawa.

Q. You call it a memo., but there is correspondence attached?—A. I attached these; they should not go in really; the memo. is all he had.

Q. But these refer to it?—A. Yes.

Q. And the memo. in front is an abstract of what the papers show?—A. Yes, I think they are all there except Wade's; Wade's is not there. Before he came down he asked for an abstract or summary of the expenses incurred to show the Ministers.