

Chairman of Your Committee received the letter from the Counsel for the Government of the Province of Quebec and also the telegram therein mentioned, which are printed at page 47 of the Minutes of Proceedings of your Committee.

The Honourable Mr. Garneau has not appeared before Your Committee, notwithstanding the summonses issued.

On the 7th August last a summons was sent by registered letter to Gustave Grenier, Esq., Clerk of the Executive Council, Quebec, to appear before Your Committee on the 10th August, and a telegram was also sent to Mr. Grenier on the 7th August advising him of the issue and purport of such summons. On the 8th August Your Committee received the telegram from Mr. Grenier which is printed at page 33 of the Minutes of their Proceedings. Mr. Grenier having failed to appear, another summons was issued on the 10th August requiring him to appear on the 12th August, and a telegram was also sent to Mr. Grenier on the 10th August advising him of the issue and purport of this summons, but, as appears by the evidence of Mr. Daniel O'Leary, Inspector of Dominion Police, the officer charged with the service thereof, Mr. Grenier had left Quebec, and could not be served.

On the 13th August last, by Order of Your Committee, a summons was issued to Philippe Vallière, Furniture Manufacturer, Quebec, requiring his appearance before your Committee on Friday, the 18th August. As appears by the evidence of L. P. Godin, Constable of the Dominion Police, the officer charged with the service of this summons, the same was duly served upon Mr. Vallière, but Mr. Vallière has failed to appear before Your Committee in obedience thereto.

The promoters and opposants of the Bill and the Counsel for the Government of the Province of Québec having stated to Your Committee that the attendance of certain of the above-mentioned witnesses, namely, of the Honourable Pierre Garneau and Messrs. Gustave Grenier and Philippe Vallière, is not required by any of them, Your Committee report the above facts for the information of Your Honourable House and for such further action as it may be pleased to take thereupon.

On the 28th day of August last, by order of Your Committee, a summons was issued to Mr. Siméon Lesage, of the City of Quebec, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works of the Province of Quebec, requiring him to appear and give evidence before Your Committee on Monday, the 31st of August last. As appears by the evidence of Mr. Daniel O'Leary, Inspector of Dominion Police, the officer charged with the service of the said summons, the same was duly served upon Mr. Lesage on Saturday, the 29th of August last. Upon the 31st day of August last the Chairman of Your Committee received the following telegram:—

“ MONTREAL, 31st August, 1891.

“ To Honourable A. VIDAL,
“ Chairman Committee of Railways,
“ Senate, Ottawa.

“ I received instructions from the members of the Quebec Government not to appear before the Senate Committee.

(Signed) “ S. LESAGE,
“ Assistant Commissioner of Public Works, P.Q.”

Mr. Lesage has not appeared before Your Committee in obedience to the summons.

The Honourable Mr. Tassé, Senator, on whose motion the Order for the issue of the said summons to Mr. Siméon Lesage was made, has stated to Your Committee that his object was to prove by the evidence of Mr. Lesage certain circumstances connected with the payment of the sum of \$100,000, the improper retention and misapplication of which has formed one of the subjects of inquiry by Your Committee, and has further stated that, his object having been attained by the evidence given by other witnesses, he has now no special reason for insisting upon the attendance of Mr. Lesage.