

Q. Is it a fact that Michael Connolly and Robert McGreevy signed these articles of partnership?—A. I do not know. There was an agreement as to interest.

Q. Have you those articles of partnership?—A. I have not

Q. I have them, and they have signed them as a matter of fact?—A. I have not seen them lately.

*By Mr. Lister :*

Q. When was this partnership formed?—A. In 1878.

Q. What time in 1878?—A. September or October, I do not know which.

Q. Were the articles in writing?—A. Yes; they were drawn up by a notary of Quebec.

Q. Who was the notary?—A. I do not know. It is a long time ago.

Q. Were they drawn up or prepared before or subsequent to the co-partnership being formed?—A. After, of course.

Q. And these articles were between you three?—A. No; not between us three. There was a man named Nihan and Nicholas Connolly and myself.

Q. Was it a general partnership or related to a single piece of work?—A. Only to the graving dock, Quebec.

Q. How long was that partnership to continue?—A. I forget. I suppose until the work was completed.

Q. Then there were four partners?—A. No; only three, Nihan myself and Nicholas Connolly.

Q. Then you say two others became interested?—A. A good while after.

Q. How long after?—A. Nihan sold out to Nicholas Connolly in 1880.

Q. Who were the partners then?—A. Nicholas Connolly sold an interest to Murphy.

Q. When?—A. In 1880.

Q. When did Robert McGreevy become interested?—A. In 1882 or the beginning of 1883. I think it was 1883. There were no articles signed until 1883.

Q. Who else beside McGreevy was interested?—A. No one else, except Michael Connolly.

Q. He too was taken in, in 1882 or 1883?—A. Yes.

Q. Not as a member of the partnership?—A. No; but having an interest in the work.

Q. You are positive he was not taken in as a partner?—A. I never considered it as such.

Q. He was to be paid how much?—A. Thirty per cent. of the profits of the work.

Q. Was he to contribute towards the losses?—A. Yes.

Q. Then he was a partner?—A. He was to contribute to the losses and also an amount of money to furnish plant.

Q. Was that in writing?—A. Yes.

Q. Where was it drawn?—A. In Quebec.

Q. Where is it now?—A. I suppose it is there. I had a copy of it some time ago and I looked in my safe before I came away and I could not find it.

Q. How long ago is it since you saw your copy?—A. In January last.

Q. What did you do with it then?—A. I put it in the safe I presume, but I had to gather my papers up in such a hurry that I could not find it. I believe I might find it if I had time.

Q. Robert McGreevy continued how long?—A. He was there when I left.

Q. Did Robert McGreevy take an interest in the other contracts?—A. Yes, in the British Columbia contract.

Q. Any other?—A. There was no other that I was interested in.

Q. The only two contracts you were interested in he had an interest in?—A. Yes.

Q. What was his interest in the British Columbia contract?—A. One-fifth.

Q. Did you know Robert McGreevy before you entered into that agreement with him?—A. Very little.

Q. Where did your partners come from?—A. From the west.