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PEBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The Public Accounts Committee met Friday at ten o'clock, Mr. McLeod in the chair. The business transacted was with reference work done for the Central Prison.
Mr. KNIPTON was called and sworn, a Mr. Ratirrow was called and eworn, and dramined by Mr. Camoron. He said he use the time-keeper employed at the Gen-ical Paison, and generally went round the foorks twite in the morning and twice in the afternoon. He remembered the nomi-nation of Mr. Mose in January last, and was

The streem on. He remembered the nomination of Mr. Moss in January last, and was time keeper at the Prison then. His daties were to report the time, to make up an account of it and hand it to the clerk. The pay sheets were made out. He did not consult any one respecting the men's time. A man was only paid for the time. Le was working. It was probable that if a man was sway from his work for a part of the day, that he himself would see at what time he returned, or he could find out from the foreman. He had nothing to do with the rate of, wages the men received. He believed it was Mr. Lumdie's duty to prepare the pay sheet. Witness, having been shown a, pay sheet, said he had prepared it as Mr. Lumdie was away at the time, and during his absence the daty of preparing the pay sheets was his. He was time-keeper when Mr. Moss' first nomination took place in January last. On the day of nomination come of the men were absent from the works. They were allowed a half day, as many of them wanted to go away, but he works, for the other he helieved that others of them did not. It was Mr. Wagner, he thought, who gave the order that the men were to have a half day. The pay sheet would show whether the men had kept full days. No deduction was made to the men were to have a half day, we are to be allowed that it ime the same as if they had been at work. He was the fourth time the works, we handred thousand the works as he whole was an any of them was the condition of the men were to have a half day, the condition of the men were to have a half day to be a support of the men were to have a half day to be a support of the men were to have a half day to be a support of the men were to have a half day to be a support of the men were to have a half day to be a support of the men were to have a half day to be a support of the men were to have a half day to be a support of the men were to have a half day to be a support of the men were to have a half day to be a support of the men were to have a half day to be a support of the men we

to the by Mr. Wagner to hosp has half day the sequence as he unperied that Mr. Wagner. He believed it had been add since but would not be certain. By Mr. Sirectain.—The man half been paid a whole day's pay for half aday'.

By Mr. Handy.—Did not hear the Commissioner issued called the certain the received of the believed the Commissioner issued called the certain the received his erders from Mr. Wagner. He would not revear that Mr. Wagner to have been having any conversation with any one lastly about the hard its somewhere about the prison.

By Mr. Carnov.—Was employed by Mr. Blicht. When Mr. Wagner took the superintendence of the works his salary was resided. He had more to do and therefore Mr. Wagner paid him 350 a day more.

By Mr. Handy.—Had not been having any conversation with any one lastly about the matter in question. Had not seen Mr. Lander since shout five years ago. He only have Mr. Blichford by sight.

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By Mr. Rarrwill.—Did not think that any mean remained upon the works that attered to the was not certain that they all was a group of the most to fit. By Mr. Parrwill.—Did not have been given the seen fielding; did not hear in how he way on the afternoon referred to be the work to the many men went to the monination; had no means of telling; did not hear in he had holiday.

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By Mr. Hardy—Was never in Mr. Michael and the private of the second that the feeling was in favour of going.

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running very strong respecting the nomination.

By Mr. Hardy—Was never in Mr.
Blackferd's committee rooms.

By Mr. Richards Believed the men
would have gone and lost their half day's
pay had they not received the holiday. Mr.
Wagner had informed him that he would
have to go before the Public Accounts Committee, and had stated that it would be respecing the matter of the "half day."
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Mr. J. P. Wagner as a subregard in the employ of the Department
of Public Works. Entered, the employ di
the Department on the 18th of September
last, after an arrangement had been made
with Mr. McKellar. His business at the
time was that of a builder; had been sevral years is builder. He did not know Mr. McKellar belove. He had not been specing to any
hour did not been presented to be the service of the next the service of the control of the properties of the control of the cont

about discharging the work at the Central Prison. Mr. McKellar saw him at his (Mr.

se Impector of Work, and had to see that Mr. Elliott was doing the work properly. Afterwards he had to perform the duties of two men.

By Mr. Camemor—His own duty was to see that the work was in progress, to order material, and to see that the bills were attended to. There were fire Hillams altogather employed on the works; four besides George. He (Mr. Wagner) made the arrangements with 'them respecting their wages. One was a foreman over a rang of bricklayers; the other three were ordinary bricklayers. They were paid \$2.75 at first, but imbequently they received \$3. After the Government took the works under their control the mon all struck, and it became necessary to raise their wages. At that time he was paying Hillam, the foreman of the bricklayers, \$3.60 a day. He was one of those who struck. All the men struck. He got his wages increased then, but they were all reduced again in December last. The men are paid according to the number of hours they have been been defined the forest of the state of the Government respecting the increase of wages, excepting at the commencement. He had not counted with any member of the Government respecting the increase of wages, excepting at the commencement. He had not counted with any member of the Government respecting the increase of wages, excepting at the commencement. He had not counted with any member of the wages were raised, as there was plenty of work in the city at those rates. He tried to get more men at the works and the union of the here was planty of work in the city at those rates. He tried to get more men at the works and the condition in the first promption of an A struck and the condition in the head advertised for the city at those rates. He tried to get many the country and defend the Constitution of an A struck and the only country he care to the city at those rates. He tried to get many the country and the condition of an A dollar more a day. By Mr. Parkward—He advertised for the country which can deal the country and the condition of the head advertis