

Engineers in chief, Messrs. Kinipple and Morris, and to respectfully request the Honourable Minister of Public Works to recommend an engineer to take charge of the works now under contract with this Commission, in connection with the harbour improvement at the mouth of the River St. Charles."

*By Mr. Tarte :*

Q. What is the date of that?—A. 18th June, 1883.

Mr. GEOFFRION—There must be something before that?

Mr. TARTE—Yes; there is a protest from Messrs. Dobell and Rae against the dismissal of Messrs. Kinipple and Morris.

WITNESS—This is the resolution dismissing them, 4th June, 1883; Minute book, No. 4, page 507: "Resolved,—That the further services of Messrs. Kinipple and Morris be dispensed with, and that the legal advisers of this board be instructed so to inform them, and that the further works now to be begun and the completion of those commenced, will from this date not be considered as under their charge or supervision, nor as entitling them to any salary, remuneration or commission. The following protest is then lodged by Messrs. Dobell and Rae: 'Messrs. Dobell and Rae, desire to record their protest against the authority of this meeting to deal with the above question as notice of motion was not given at the last meeting of the board; nor did the notice of the secretary calling the meeting give such intimation.'"

Q. Was the motion carried?—A. Yes. It does not say that they insisted.

*By Mr. Fitzpatrick :*

Q. Do the minutes show that they did insist on their objection?—A. They do not.

*By Mr. Geoffrion :*

Q. Will you look at the 16th June?—A. At the 16th June, 1883, page 13 of the minute book No. 5, I find:

"Read a letter from William Morris, of the firm of Kinipple & Morris, engineers, conveying his reply to the notarial notification served on him informing him that the Commissioners have dispensed with the services of his firm."

"The said letter after being considered is referred to the legal advisers of the Commission, Messrs. Andrews & Alleyn for their opinion, with instructions to afford them access to all letters, documents, &c., they may require."

"Messrs. Dobell and Sharples then left the hall."

I also find this:

"The Hon. Mr. McGreevy gives notice that at the next meeting he will move the adoption of the following resolution:—'That the Secretary-Treasurer be directed to inform the Hon. the Minister of Public Works that this Commission had dispensed with the services of their Engineers-in-chief, Messrs. Kinipple and Morris, and to respectfully request the Hon. the Minister to recommend an engineer to take charge of the whole works now under contract with this Commission, both in connection with the Harbour improvements at the mouth of the River St. Charles and the Graving Dock at Lévis.'"

The CHAIRMAN—You might also read this resolution on page 13.

Witness reads as follows:

"Mr. Giroux gives notice that at the next meeting he will move the adoption of the following resolution:—'That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to inform the Resident Engineer, Mr. W. Pilkington, that inasmuch as Messrs. Kinipple and Morris have been notified by this Commission that they are not the engineers of the Harbour improvements and the Graving Dock, he be notified that in the future to report directly to this Commission until further orders.'"