Contractor, Starre, in his Evidence before the Committee.

OTTAWA, August 19.—The Privileges and Elections committee met this morr. ing, Mr. Girouard in the chair. The chairman stated as a matter of information that the committee had met 49 days and held 64 sittings since the investigation commenced. The sub committee met 18 days.

Mr. Edgar moved that the letter books Public Works on August 4 be submitted to the committee and printed He said to the committee that printed the said the books had not been examined by the the pooks may not occur examined by the committee and he had found several letters in them that had an important bearing on the case.

The Chairman considered that this would be practically reopening the case. He put the motion, however, to the committee and it was carried.

### SIR HECTOR LANGEVIN SPEAKS.

Sir Hector Langevin then made the following statement:—I see in the papers that Mr. Starrs has been brought as a witness, and has made a statement and been cross-examined upon it, and I thought that under the circumstances the committee would give me leave to the committee would give me leave to say something about that under oath, as I did the other day. Mr. Starrs has stated in his evidence on Friday last that he had interviews with me about the Esquimault graving dock tenders.
I wish to rectify some of his statements I wish to recent some of his statements in so far as they relate to me. First, about the first set of tenders, which were called for in February, 1884, and opened on the 5th of March, Mr. Starrs seems to have forgotten nearly everything about his tender. He says it was ignored, it was not considered as far as he can remember, he has no recollection of it; there was, he says, so little talk about there was, he says, so notice this about the first tenders he has no recollection of that particular tender at all. Nevertheless on the 19th of March, 1884, his firm wrote to the secretary of the department of public works a letter (page 34 of blue book) that they had made mistakes, which they detail, and they wish them corrected or desire to withdraw their tender and have their cheque returned to them. On the 14th of April (same page) they wrote another letter in the same sense, and on the 17th of April Mr. Perley reports accordingly (pages 34 and 35) recommending that neither of the two tenders be accepted and that the cheques be returned to the several parties. And on the 19th (page 35) an order in council is passed and on that day the cheques were returned.

about his second tender, Mr. Starrs says that I suggested to him that he should withdraw his tender—that I sent for him that he came and saw me—that I told him his tender was too low and that I called in Mr. Perley and talked the matter over; that I discussed the question and suggested that he was entirely too low; that I told him there was a certain amount to be paid for plant, it was necessary to pay that \$50,000 and there was no getting out of it; that I told him that he could not expect any extras, that it was straight sailing, that the work had to be done and that taking the \$50,000 thatwere to be paid for plant out of the total, there would not be enough to complete the work; that at that interview I gave request and that he took up the balance of the deposit, amounting to \$9,000 more, which made the total sum of \$17,000to Sir Hector miniself because we had the I conversation, and he gave me three or four days to consider. I told Sir Hector thought from the toes of his discussinon he did not want me to take the work and said, 'Sir Hector, I believe our figures are enough to do the work, but I see that you do not fell inclined to give me the work and consequently I will withwraw." Ma Starrs is quite mistaken in the inference he draws from his interviews with me. I never tried to prevent him taking the contract and I never intended to do so. Inever suggested that he would

When I sent for him I did not tell him that his tender was too low or entirely too low, but in presence of Mr. Perley I read to him Mr. Perley's report about his tender, and if the \$50,000 were mentioned it was in Mr. Perley's report. I told him, also as I always do in such cases, that the intended contractor must not expect extra:, as my experience is that low contracts are their ruin and also a cause of great difficulty and trouble to the department. This interview was the result of Mr. Perley's above-mentioned report, by which he declared that Messrs. Starrs & O'Hanly's tender was too low I was not, however, disposed to pass over their tender, and I therefore sent for Mr. Starm. The interview ended there, and and Mr. Starrs left to consider the matter with Mr. O'Hanley, his partner.

Mr. Starrs has mixed what occurred at the interview with the letter of the 7th October, which he received from the department (page 95 of the evidence). At the interview there was no mention of a delay of three or four days and Mr. Starrs could not therefore, have stated to me what he says at the end of his statement. He never said so and his memory, which is so defective about his first tender, is evidently at fault in the other direction about his second tender.

pared to sign the contract for the execution of the work. On the 10th they

Wrote an answer (page 95), saying in substance that they did not require to strengthen themselves financially, and that they had the necessary means to perform the contract; they added that they would be ready to sign the contract on Monday 14th, and make the necessary two lines, and the G. T. R. would take place. It indicated a friendly feeling between the two lines, and had produced a good effect in London.

Correcting Statements Made by the commended to the council (pages 96) recommended to the council (pages 96 and 97) to accept Messrs. Starrs & O'Hanly's tender, provided they made the necessary deposit of \$0,500, to be added to that of \$7,500 already made, as mentioned in their letter of the 10th. I thus showed my desire that they should have the contract. On the 16th an orderin-council was passed accordingly. On the 21st, Mr. Starrs not having appeared from the day he and his partner had written their letter of the 10th, and as I

wished to have the contract signed, the secretary of the department wrote to Mr. Starrs (page 95) asking him to be Mr. Edgar moved that the letter books and the department at entered into a long conversation with which came in from the Department of which came in from the Department of which came in from the Department of conce re Esquimant't graving dock. Mr. his erudite visitors, holding his own with once re Esquimau't graving dock. Mr. Starrs came to the department and if he is notmistakenabout the cheque he speaks of he evidently carried it back with him as he did not leave it with me and he was not ready to sign the contract and disign it. The fact is, on the 24th a letter was received from Messrs. Starrs & O'Hanley (page 37 of the Blue book) in which they say they find they had made a mistake in some of the items of the tender and find their prices generally too low. They consider it, therefore, not prudent to take the contract, and that it would not be in the public interest if they were to do so. They therefore beg to withdraw their tender and request to have their deposit cheque returned. Their cheque was accordingly returned to them on the only instance of the Echo as to the gross ignorance of the Catholic piesthood, we have compiled at random a list of some of the supid exploits they have achieved in the walks of intellect and split to research. Of

have it, they having as they say, made mistakes in their tender and finding their prices generally too low.

Mr. Mulock thought it would be necessary to call the members of the firm of Starrs & O'Hanley, as some of the

statements made by Sir Hector were new, and suggested that his cross-examination in this matter should be held over again. Mr. Curran.-These are no new statements. They are simply contradictions

of Mr. Starr's statements. Sir Hector was cross-examined by Mr. Davies.

Mr. Davies.—After you reported to council did you send any letter to Mr. Starrs? A. Yes; on October 21. Q. Mr. Starrs come in pursuance of

the letter? A. Yes; the day or the day after. Q. I see a letter asking to withdraw on the 24th. Is that the day you had the interview? A. I can not say exactly if

it is the day. Q. Did you tell Starrs there was no getting out of the payment of the \$50,000? A. No.
Q. Did Mr. Starrs says you told him

that they need not expect any extras; is that correct? A. I told him they need not expect any extras as they were

not getting any in any other case.

Q. Will you swear that you used the words "in any other case"? A. I can not remember the exact words used, it is so long ago.
Q. What was the request you made to

Mr. Starrs? A. I made no request.
Q. Are you aware of the fact that the tender they put in was many thousand dollars higher than the work was shown to have been done by Larkin and Con-nolly? A. I do not know.

NEVER SAW THE ADDITIONAL SECURITY. Q. Mr. Starrs swears that he brought the \$9,000 additional security to the de-

the work; that at that interview I gave you that from the tone of your conversal mind, we submit, are to be despised even in three or rour days to consider my tion you didn't want to give him the sublime regions of West Central in the sublime regions o contract? A. No; I do not recollect.

that the first change went in with the the tender was not drawn up in your of these lazy, wealthy, sensual men in tender and he adds the next I handed office at the time of your conversation red hats, was the greatest polyglot of his with Mr. Starrs? A. No.

Q. Was it written in the department? A. That I do not know.

Cross-examined further by Mr. Davies. Sir Hector said he did not remember having any conversation with any finan-

any work for the department? Sir Hector-I do not remember, but I think he did some in the way of building

This concluded the examination.

THE CONNOLLYS WANT THEIR BOOKS. A telegram was read from Michael Connolly asking when he could have his private books and the firm's books. He

was in urgent need of them. It was decided to retain the firm's books till the report of the committee is ready and to dispose of the private books

Hr. Henry, counsel for the Department of Public Works, stated that the department's factum was prepared up to date, but owing to the evidence produced to-day it will not be completed for another couple of days.

The committee then adjourned.

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The Quebec Legislature. It is semi-officially announced that the Mercier Government has decided to call the Legislature for September 28 and that the official summons will appear in the next Gazette. The Government intents to start a little investigation on its own account into the Baie des Chalcurs scandals.

## Arrival of Lord Mount-Stephen.

Some days having passed without my having heard from Messrs. Starrs & O'Hanly, and as I wished to make my report to council, I directed the secretary of the department to write to there or the region and couractulated his lord. of the department to write to them on the 7th October a letter (page 95) giving them until Saturday, 11th of October, to strengthen themselves financially, and to inform me if they would then be prepared to sign the contract for the party on the emissary of the definite third party he indignantly swung his cane around and bade the journalist begone, as he did not want to have anything to do with newspaper men. It appears to be quite conferred. Not on him, but on he indignantly swung his cane around not want to have anything to do with newspaper men. It appears to be quite conferred. Not on him, but on he indignantly swung his cane around not want to have anything to do with newspaper men. It appears to be quite conferred. Not on him, but on he indignantly swung his cane around not want to have anything to do with newspaper men. It appears to be quite conferred.

#### THE CHURCH AND LEARNING.

A List of Great Ecclesiastical Scholars Who Have Advanced Science The Holy Father has graciously received a deputation of the Roman Academy of Archaeology, who waited on him to present him with a volume of their Transactions which, indeed, was luxuriantly prepared at the expense of the fontiff himself. This, which is the third book of the second series, contains some very learned dissertations illustrated by sumptuous engravings. Leo XIII Their cheque was accordingly returned to them on the 27th. If the contract of intellect and scientific research. Of did not go to Messrs. Starrs & O'Hanley, it is evidently due to their not wishing to contemporary that the first author of musical lines was a Pope, that musical notes were invented by a Brother, and that the discovery of the explosive power of gunpowder, and the application of hydraulic power, are due to men who were the tonsure. But there are other matters which may be new to him. For instance, Father Clario reformed the calender, the Abbe Hany invented the metrical system, Archbishop Regioniontano, Cardinal Cusano, and Canon Copernicus enlightened humanity as to the plan on which the world is constructed and arranged. Father Budos da Celle woke the tone of the first organ, a Catholic priest en couraged Columbus on his voyage to America, Brother Pacifico da Verona invented clocks with wheels, and a certain Pope, by title Silvester II., endowed us with Arabic numerals, gave us the clock with a pendulum, and devised the first organ moved by steam. Candid, a priest had the original idea of moving an organ by electricity, and the Deacon Flavio Gioia invented the compass. The cata-logue is by no means oxhausted yet, but we cause to take breath and to give our anti-Catholic colleague time for reflection. Here are the names of a few more of these mutton-headed clericals, and a brief record of what they have done to retard civilization. Bishop Vemisio discovered the circulation of the blood, Fathers Epice and Sicard made us acquainted with some wonderful febrifuges, Father Lana formulated the laws of electricity and Father Requirements and feather the second applied. tricity, and Father Beccaria amplified them. The telegraph was invented by the Abbe Chappe, the telescope by Father Schaeiner, the magic lantern by Father Kircker, and the microscope by Father Kircker, and the microscope by Father Magnan. The first acrostat was made by Father Desforges in 1772. Two missionary brothers brought silkworms from China to Italy, and aided in establishment of the forecast industries. partment; did you get it? A. No.

Q. Mr. Siarrs swears that he gave it into your hands? A. I positively deny library and it into your gave it to me.

Library of these victories of the services of these victories of the foremost industries or the victories of Q. Do you remember Mr. Starrs telling deaf mutes. None of these victories of Q. Are you in a position to swear that But hold—there are one or two still to that letter asking for the withdrawal of be mentioned. Cardinal Mezzofanti, one nowned astronomer, and Secchi the lead ing searcher of the firmament of his epoch; Ventura was a mighty philosopher and a facund orator; Fontana and Pinciani were two celebrated archeolo cial men who were willing to back up Starrs and O'Hanly.

Mr. Gurran—Did Mr. Starrs ever do graph? The Abbe Caselli. Who invented the motor and the moderating brakes of the locomotive? Father Nar santi. Who the micrometer and the neloscope? Father Braun. Who the hydraulie clock? Father Embriaco. Who the electric sismometrograph? Father Bertelli. We fancy we can hear that echo dying faintly in the dim distance.-Universe.

## THE ZOUAVE MEDALS.

Count Mercler Said to be in a Rather Despondent Condition. The following appeared in Thursday's

Empire:— The Empire correspondent has just returned from Ste. Anne de la Perade, where a very successful demonstration in honor of the papal zoraves took place, some \$2,000 having been spent by Premier Mercier to make things look bright and comfortable. It is safe to say, however, that the leader of the Quebec Government is quite untitted for public business, and that his rule in this province is fast drawing to an end. De-feat seemed to be in the air, and gloom was plainly seen in the faces of the en-tertainers. The Hon. Mr. Mercier has been in this state for some time past, and his most intimate friends cannot arouse him to a realization of the impending disaster. Mr. Desmarais, M.P.P. for St. Hyacinthe, has been at Tourouvre for some days past, but as yet has been quite unable to make the Premier talk about Pacaud or the imperative duty Lord and Lady Mount-Stephen arrived which he owes to the province and to

Premier has promised explanations next week, but the Empire did not find anyone to corroborate this report at Tourouvre. The zonaves election resulted as fellows: Recorder de Montigny, president general; C. Trudelle, vice general; tressurer, H.
A. Plamondon; secretary, O. Martin;
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invaluable to oarsmen." All athletes use Bolted. OTTAWA, August 20.—Early this morning it became known that Colonel Smith,

the deputy sergeant-at-arms, had not been successful in his search at Quebec for Thomas McGreevy, and at the opening of the House the Speaker announced the fact to the House. No action was taken upon the communication and it is

understood none will be taken now.

The Privileges and Elections Committee, which finished the taking of evidence to-day, will go on with its delibera-tions and take whatever steps it deems necessary to purge Parliament of the contempt in which it has been placed.

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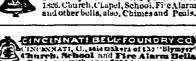
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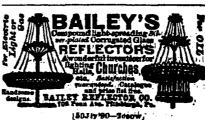
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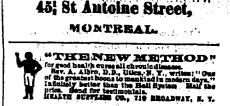
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