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From Quebec

August 11th, 1891.

To HON. A. VIDAL, Chairman Senate.

Telegram received President and Cashier cannot possibly attend at same time please say whom you want first—answer.

P. LAFRANCE,
Cashier.

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THE SENATE, OTTAWA, 11th August, 1891.

To P. LAFRANCE, Cashier La Banque Nationale, Quebec.

Your telegram received, Mr. Gaboury is wanted first on Thursday morning. He had better bring a clerk with him to explain entries in Books. You will remain subject to summons until notified when to come.

A. VIDAL,
Chairman Senate Railway Committee.

On motion of the Honourable MR. TASSÉ, it was

Resolved, That a report be made to the Senate recommending that the minutes of proceedings and the evidence taken before this Committee be printed from day to day for the use of Senators and members of Parliament, and that sufficient copies for such use, not exceeding five hundred thereof, be printed daily.

Ordered, That all the witnesses except Charles N. Armstrong do withdraw from the Committee Room.

CHARLES N. ARMSTRONG, of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, contractor, is duly sworn and examined, and his evidence taken down by the shorthand writers.

During the examination of Charles N. Armstrong he is asked the following questions by Counsel for the Opposants, and makes answer thereto as follows:—

“ *Question*. Do you remember an Order in Council forfeiting the charter of the “ Baie des Chaleurs Railway Company under that Act ?

“ *Answer*. No, sir.

“ *Question*. Have you any copies of these Orders in Council ?

“ *Answer*. No.

“ *Question*. Have you seen them ?

“ *Answer*. No, sir.

“ *Question*. Have you heard how many Orders in Council ?

To which Counsel for the Government of the Province of Quebec objects on the ground that the Government of the Province of Quebec is responsible to the Legislature of that Province only, and not to the Parliament of Canada. He also objects to any evidence being gone into which may have for its object to prove anything done officially by the Government of the Province of Quebec.

The CHAIRMAN rules that in the matter at issue between the parties before the Committee as to a railway bill, Counsel for the Opposants is entitled to obtain information as to the relations between the contractor, the sub-contractor and the railway company, and that the questions as such may be properly asked.

Counsel for the Government of the Province of Quebec objects not to that particular question alone, but to any question trying to investigate the official acts of the Government of the Province of Quebec.

During the examination of the said Charles N. Armstrong certain papers and documents were produced and fyled, and were marked as Exhibits Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively.