

17. The account is headed "The Bank of Montreal in Account with the Minister of Justice and others," and, in brackets, appear the names of Sir John A. Macdonald, Minister of Justice; Sir Geo. E. Cartier, Minister of Militia; Sir John Rose, Minister of Finance, and Hon. W. P. Howland, Minister of Inland Revenue. I interpret that this was an account with the Ministers?—These Ministers were authorized to give cheques upon it. It was called the special account with the Receiver-General by an Order in Council.

18. The Bank of Montreal seems to have treated it as an account of the four Ministers?—It was separate from their other accounts.

19. The Bank of Montreal treated it as an account with the four Ministers as you understood? as an account with the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Militia and the Minister of Inland Revenue. As I heard your statement, I think you said it was generally closed up by warrant and that you are not aware how the Bank treated the account?—Yes. It was done by warrant. It was the Receiver-General's special account, subject to the cheques of the Ministers.

20. As to the account of the Bank of Montreal with Sir John A. Macdonald *et al.*, including Sir Alexander Galt and Sir Francis Hincks. Were any different instructions given to the Bank from your office or the Receiver-General's office with reference to their case?—I am not aware of any special instructions having been given, but the warrant would distinctly name the Minister on whose authority it was made out, in accordance with the Order in Council.

21. Are these warrants produced among the papers brought down?—I have not the warrants with me, but I have the Orders in Council.

The Orders in Council were then handed in and are as follows:—

(5.)

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 5th June, 1868.

The Committee of Council respectfully recommend that the sum of fifty thousand dollars be appropriated of the vote for Secret and Detective service for 1868, and that a warrant do issue in favour of the Receiver-General with directions to place the same on special account with the Bank of Montreal, in the names of the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Militia, the Minister of Finance, and the Minister of Internal Revenue, whose certificate that the same or any part thereof has been disbursed for the service of the country shall be a sufficient discharge and voucher for the payment of the same.

Certified.

(Signed)

W. A. HIMSWORTH,
Clerk, Privy Council.

(6.)

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 1st July, 1870.

The Committee of Council respectfully recommend that the sum of thirty thousand dollars be appropriated of the vote for secret service for 1870-71, and that a warrant do issue in favour of A. Drummond, Esq., Manager of the Ottawa Branch of the Bank of Montreal, with directions to place the same on special account with the Bank of Montreal in the names of the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Militia, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Inland Revenue, whose certificate that the same or any part thereof has been disbursed for the service of the country shall be a sufficient discharge and voucher for the payment for the same.

Certified.

(Signed)

W. A. HIMSWORTH,
Clerk, Privy Council.