

THE CHAIRMAN—You will have to answer that question.

WITNESS.—I believe it was Mr. McGreevy himself.

Q. Which one?—A. Thomas. I am not positive, but to the best of my recollection it was him.

Q. Anybody else?—A. Unless his brother. No other public official.

*By Mr. Tarte :*

Q. You have said Mr. Robert McGreevy became interested with you in this contract?—A. Yes.

Q. Why did you take Mr. Robert McGreevy with you at the time?—A. To get the influence of his brother and help us along as best he could to make money, and—

Q. Did you not want to secure any other influence but that of Mr. Thomas McGreevy.

Mr. STUART objected to the question as irrelevant.

Mr. TARTE—I want to know what the witness was going to say after the word “and”. He has just stated that they took Mr. Robert McGreevy into the firm to secure Mr. Thomas McGreevy’s influence and another influence. What is that other influence you were going to speak of?

(A discussion took place as to the manner in which the question should be put to the witness and eventually the examination was proceeded with.)

*By Mr. Amyot :*

Q. You stated that you wanted to secure Mr. McGreevy’s influence. I asked you with whom?—A. With the Minister of Public Works.

(Mr. HENRY pressed the objection that the motives of these men were immaterial and was not evidence on the subject-matter of the investigation.)

*By Mr. Tarte :*

Q. At the same time that you arranged to have Mr. Robert McGreevy with you in connection with the dredging contract in 1882, did you make some other arrangement for future work?—A. Robert McGreevy was to have the same interest in all contracts in the harbour of Quebec. He had the same in the Cross-wall. After the south wall contract, I impressed upon him to provide that Michael Connolly should get an equal quarter. It was agreed among ourselves that Mr. Larkin should be left out. Then we each had a quarter. The agreement that was originally entered into for the dredging was to carry also the same percentage in the Cross-wall.

*By Mr. Edgar :*

Q. What was the percentage?—A. Thirty per cent.

*By Mr. Tarte :*

Q. Did the Hon. Thomas McGreevy at that time know, or rather did you discuss with him, the position that his brother Robert was going to have in the Cross-wall contract?—A. Yes. He knew all about it.

Q. All about the two contracts?—A. Yes.

Q. Did you discuss the question with him?—A. Yes; on several occasions.

*By Mr. Mills (Bothwell) :*

Q. What was the discussion?—A. About the percentage that his brother had and the interest. I wanted originally to get out of the firm and let Robert McGreevy take my one-third interest. That they would not listen to, and finally it was agreed that Mr. Larkin was to have 20 per cent., Robert McGreevy 30 per cent., and Nicholas K. Connolly and myself 50 per cent. Afterwards K. Nicholas Connolly and myself divided that 50 per cent. with Michael Connolly into thirds.

*By Mr. Edgar :*

Q. In which contract was that?—A. In the dredging, and the Cross-wall also. Afterwards with Mr. Larkin, instead of his having 20 per cent. we divided into four equal parts.