

that Mr. Pacaud was informed he would probably be required as a witness before your Committee, and requesting that in such case he might be summoned before Tuesday, the 11th August, as he proposed leaving on that day for a month's holidays.

On Friday the 7th August last Your Committee caused a summons to be sent by registered letter to Mr. Ernest Pacaud, at the City of Quebec, requiring him to appear before them on Monday, the 10th August, mentioning therein the documents he was required to produce with him, and Mr. Pacaud was notified by telegram on the same day of the issue and purport of the summons. As appears by a telegram received from the Postmaster of Quebec, the registered letter above referred to was delivered to the duly authorized agent of Mr. Pacaud on Monday, the 10th August. As Mr. Pacaud did not appear on Monday, the 10th August, Your Committee, on that day, issued another summons for his appearance on Wednesday, the 12th August, of the issue and purport of which summons Mr. Pacaud was also, on Monday, the 10th August, advised by telegram. Your Committee received on Monday, the 10th August, a telegram from the office of Mr. Pacaud's newspaper informing them that Mr. Pacaud had left town when the message was received. According to the evidence of Mr. Daniel O'Leary, Inspector of Dominion Police, the officer charged with the service of the summons issued on the 10th August, Mr. Pacaud left Quebec for New York early on the morning of Tuesday, the 11th August, so that the summons could not be served upon him. According to the evidence of Mr. Auguste Edge, Mr. Pacaud's private secretary, Mr. Pacaud was aware of the issue of the summons of the 7th August, and on the 10th August went to New York, and there took passage for France by a steamer which sailed on the 15th August.

On the 7th August last Your Committee caused to be sent to the Hon. Pierre Garneau, Commissioner of Public Works of the Province of Quebec, by registered letter, addressed to Quebec, a summons to appear before Your Committee on the 10th August, and notified the Hon. Mr. Garneau by telegram of the issue and purport of the said summons. The Hon. Mr. Garneau did not appear on the 10th August, on which day Your Committee received from Mr. S. Lesage, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, a telegram informing them that the Hon. Mr. Garneau was at Murray Bay, and that the letter requesting him to appear as a witness had been delivered only on that day, but would be forwarded to the Hon. Mr. Garneau by that day's mail. On the same day, the 10th August, Your Committee also received a telegram from the Hon. Mr. Garneau, dated from Pointe au Pic on the Lower St. Lawrence, informing them that the summons had not been received there by him, that his state of health did not allow him to go to Ottawa, and that he would send a Doctor's certificate if required. These telegrams, marked "H" and "O" respectively, will be found printed on pages 33 and 36 of the Minutes of Proceedings. Thereupon another summons was issued requiring the Hon. Mr. Garneau to appear on Friday, the 14th August, which summons was sent to Pointe au Pic by registered letter on Tuesday, 11th August, and he was notified of the issue and purport thereof by telegram. As appears by the telegrams to and from the Postmaster at Pointe au Pic, printed on page 42 of the Minutes of Proceedings, the Hon. Mr. Garneau received this summons, and, in reply thereto, on the 13th August sent a telegram to Your Committee as follows:—"Since sending my first telegram I am informed my colleagues are of opinion we are responsible to the Legislature only, therefore I respectfully decline to appear." Your Committee, having for greater certainty sent an officer to serve the Hon. Mr. Garneau personally with a summons, had in the meantime received the Hon. Mr. Garneau's first telegram, saying that his health did not allow him to go to Ottawa, and had thereupon instructed the officer not to serve this summons. The Hon. Mr. Garneau did not appear on the 14th August, on which day Counsel for the Government of the Province of Quebec laid before Your Committee the telegram and medical certificate which are printed on page 43 of the Minutes of Proceedings, the said telegram being a copy of the one above cited, and the medical certificate being to the effect that his Doctor was of opinion that the Hon. Mr. Garneau would do better to remain at Murray Bay if he did not wish to risk his health. On the 14th of August the