

have raised a difficulty about it; but it was taking it out of the bank and throwing it into the river—taking what we had been protesting against for years, and allowing it to be thrown into the river.

“By Mr. Edgar:

“Q. If you had been aware they were going to be paid 45 cents a yard for the portion of this excavation which they put into the Cross-wall would you not have thought that 45 cents in place of 35 cents was somewhat of a high figure?—A. I should not have approved of it.

“Q. If you had known—as a matter of fact, I think I can tell; I have been informed it will be proved here that out of the dredging under that contract, which was paid for at the rate of 35 cents a yard, these contractors filled in all the Cross-wall, and were paid over \$79,620 for it—how would you have characterized such a thing?—A. I leave it to every gentleman present to know.

“Q. But you were a party to giving the 35-cent contract, and you were unaware that they were going to be paid during that contract 45 cents a yard for part of this stuff they were taking out at the rate of 35 cents?—A. I stated distinctly the Cross-wall section we had nothing to do with, but I should say, with everyone here, if we were paying 70 or 80 cents for what ought to be done at 35 cents we were paying too much.

“Q. They only got 27 cents, before that, for the 15 feet dredging?—A. Yes; but the deeper you go the more expensive it would be.

“Q. But, do you not remember this 35-cent contract was not to exceed a depth of 15 feet below the low water line?—A. Yes.”

And with respect to Sir Hector Langevin's knowledge and acquaintance with the details of this and other contracts of the Quebec Harbour Commissioners, Mr. Dobell also testified as follows (p. 771):

“Q. From your acquaintance with Sir Hector during all this time you have been on the Harbour Commission, you consider that he was very careful about details, and looking after all the matters himself, giving personal attention to them?—A. I never knew a man that seemed to be able to take in every detail as completely as Sir Hector has been in these works, and he did not seem to neglect it. He seemed to be familiar with them all.

“Q. He was perfectly *au fait* with all the details of the contract?—With everything.

“By Mr. Amyot:

“Q. So he must have known the dredging was paid at the rate of thirty-five cents and then forty-five cents?—A. I should say he must have known.”

Mr. Valin, who for the last 12 years, and up to the Dominion election in March last was Chairman of the Harbour Commission, was also examined with respect to Sir Hector's relations with Mr. Thomas McGreevy, and this 35 cents dredging contract. His evidence, p. 492, is as follows:

“Q. Well, Mr. Valin, did Mr. McGreevy take a prominent position in the Harbour Commission? Did he appear to lead it?—A. Yes, sir; he appeared to have an idea of doing everything, for when I was first Chairman of the Commission I saw that Mr. McGreevy took the lead in a great many things. I remarked this to him, and he said: I must tell you that I am Mr. Langevin's confidential man; he requires a confidential man, and it may as well be me as another.

“Q. Did you have any conversations with Sir Hector Langevin upon this subject—on the subject of the position taken by Mr. McGreevy in the Commission?—A. Yes, sir; I had several interviews with Sir Hector on this subject.

“Q. Will you relate or explain to the Committee what the nature of those interviews was?—A. I told Sir Hector that Mr. McGreevy took this attitude in everything, and that he had told me he was in communication with the Minister. I asked him what his views were regarding that question, upon certain votes we had to give in the Commission—for instance, with reference to the South-wall. I told the