

638. Will you produce Sifton, Glass & Co's original letter of that date?—I now produce it. (Exhibit 9.)

639. What is the date of Mr. Fleming's report on this letter now produced?—October 13th.

640. What is the date of the original letter?—October 14th.

641. Then Mr. Fleming reports on the 13th on Sifton, Glass & Co's letter of the 14th?—(No answer.)

642. Have you the original order appointing Mr. Fleming?—I have, and now produce it. (Exhibit 10.)

643. Have you copies of the papers connected with the contract number one?—I have none ready at this moment.

Telegraph—
Contracts Nos.
1 and 2.

Sifton, Glass &
Co's. letter pro-
duced.

Fleming's report
in this letter
dated the day
before the letter
itself.

Order-in-Council
appoints
Fleming.

Papers on Con.
No. 1 not yet
ready.

OTTAWA, Tuesday, 17th August, 1880.

JOHN THIRTKELL sworn and examined :

THIRTKELL.

By the Chairman :—

644. Where do you reside?—In the town of Lindsay.

645. How long have you lived in Lindsay?—Twenty odd years.

646. Do you know the people of Lindsay very well?—Yes; I know them pretty well.

647. Have there been any other Thirtkells living there of late?—Yes; there is a son of mine, W. J. Thirtkell.

648. Did you receive a summons to come here?—Yes.

649. How was that addressed?—It was addressed to W. J. or John Thirtkell.

650. Then, it appears to have been given to John and not to W. J.?—My son is not there: he is not in the country now.

651. Where does he live?—In Boston.

652. Was he the person who was in partnership with Sutton in the tender for the telegraph line?—Yes; I think he had some connection with Sutton at one time.

653. Do you know anything about that telegraph matter?—I do not think I could say anything about it. I was not connected with it in any way, and, of course, I do not know anything about the transaction myself.

654. So that the W. J. Thirtkell to whom this summons is directed is another man?—Yes; he is my son.

Resides in Lind-
say.

W. J. Thirtkell,
witness's son, not
in Canada.

He was connected
with Sutton.