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2.30 o'clock, p.m.

Committee resumed.

Mr. G. A. Bell, of the Department of Railways and Canals, laid on the table certain papers used by the Royal Commission in the course of their inquiry at Quebec, which were sent at the close thereof to the Railway Department at Ottawa.

Also, a printed copy of the report of the Royal Commission on the cause of the collapse of the Quebec bridge—which was filed and marked as Exhibit No. 1.

Mr. Barthe having produced the books of accounts, &c., of the Quebec Bridge Company, the members of the committee proceeded informally to the examination of the same.

The committee then adjourned until Tuesday next, 9th instant, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

*Attest,*

N. ROBIDOUX,  
*Clerk of Committee.*

HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
COMMITTEE ROOM 32,  
TUESDAY, June 9, 1908.

Committee met.

Present—Mr. Maclean (Lunenburg), in the chair; and Messrs. Barker, Chisholm (Antigonish), Galliher, Monk and Walsh (Huntingdon)—6.

Mr. H. T. Ross, assistant deputy minister of finance, in attendance before the committee on behalf of the Finance Department, was given leave to put questions to witnesses, if such be deemed necessary, to facilitate the enquiry.

Mr. Barthe, secretary of the Quebec Bridge and Railway Company, was recalled and further examined by Mr. Monk and others.

During his examination, the following papers, &c., were filed and marked as—

Exhibits Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6—Five bank books of the Quebec Bridge and Railway Co.

Exhibits Nos. 7 to 16, inclusive—Ten cheques aggregating the sum of \$5,000 deposited to the credit of the Quebec Bridge and Railway Co., by the directors thereof.

Exhibit No. 17.—Copy of resolutions of shareholders and minutes of directors referring to same, in connection with annual grant of \$5,000 to the directors of said company for attendance, &c.

Exhibit No. 18.—By-laws of the Quebec Bridge and Railway Co.

At one o'clock p.m., committee took recess.

Four o'clock p.m.

Committee resumed.

Mr. Barthe's examination was continued by Mr. Monk and others.

During his examination, the following documents were filed and marked as—

Exhibit No. 19.—Agreement for advances dated 23rd Feb., 1904, between the Quebec Bridge Company, the Dominion Government, and the Bank of Montreal.