

Q. Had you still then in your possession the cross wall cheques?—A. Yes. I had cheques, but I cannot say to what contract they applied. Perhaps by referring to them I could get out what the figures on the letter mean. I observe that they are in my handwriting.

Q. Will you make that investigation at your leisure?—A. I will.

Q. Some time after the signing of the contract for the south wall in 1887, can you find out from the Minutes whether a party by the name of H. La Force Langevin was appointed in any capacity whatever to work on that contract on behalf of the Commissioners?—A. Mr. Langevin must have been in our employ long before 1887.

Q. Was there any resolution transferring him from one work to another?—A. Not that I have seen.

By Mr. Tarte :

Q. Will you see if he was appointed to the south wall works in 1887?—A. Would it be subsequent to February?

Mr. Geoffrion :

Q. That is according to my information?—A. I do not want to be positive, but I am pretty sure there was no special order.

By Mr. Tarte :

Q. Look at the minutes of 1887; you will find it somewhere?—A. Here it is. Minute book No. 6, page 97; Monday, 29th March, 1887. The resolution is as follows:—Moved by Mr. J. Bell Forsythe, seconded by Mr. Ferdinand Hamel, and *Resolved*, That in compliance with the Chief Engineer's recommendation conveyed in one of his letters read at the meeting held 28th December last, the following be his staff for the future, and until a necessity arises for increasing or reducing their number or of dispensing with their services entirely:—Mr. St. George Boswell, Resident Engineer, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum; Mr. Charles McGreevy to be assistant Engineer of the cross-wall contract and works in connection therewith, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum; Mr. H. LaForce Langevin to be assistant Engineer of the south wall contract, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum. All said appointments and salaries to date from the 1st of May prox.

By Mr. Geoffrion :

Q. The Chief Engineer was H. F. Perley?—A. Yes, Sir.

Q. As a matter of fact, Mr. Langevin acted as assistant engineer?—A. Yes.

Q. Could you find Mr. Perley's suggestion or recommendation referred to in this resolution?—A. I think it is likely I have the letter.

Q. If such papers were at Quebec, you brought them here?—A. I brought all the papers bearing on the south wall contract, as far as possible.

Q. Who were the Commissioners present at that meeting on the 9th March?—A. Mr. P. V. Valin, Hon. Thomas McGreevy, Mr. Ferdinand Hamel, Mr. Edmond Giroux, Mr. Julien Chabot, Mr. William Rae, Mr. R. H. Smith, Mr. R. R. Dobell, and Mr. J. Bell Forsythe—the full Board.

Q. You are aware that until 1883, the chief engineers of the Board were Messrs. Kinipple and Morris?—A. To about that time; I am not exactly sure.

Q. Have you with you their engagement as such; it goes back as far as 1875?—A. The papers I brought do not go back to that year, but I have brought up the only thing I could find; the letter referring to their discharge—I have that with me now.

Q. Will you refer to the minutes and see when it was resolved to discharge them. It was sometime in June, 1883—either the first days of June or the end of May?—A. Page 15 of minute book, No. 5, has the following resolution:—“Moved by Mr. McGreevy, seconded by Mr. Edmond Giroux, Mr. Rae dissenting, and *Resolved*, that the Secretary-Treasurer be directed to inform the Honourable the Minister of Public Works that this Commission have dispensed with the services of their