

The book-keeper of the firm, M. P. Connolly, when under examination admitted that he had, since the charges were first made public, erased some of the entries showing amounts which were paid illegitimately in bribery and otherwise, and also the names of the parties who received the moneys. His memory was at fault with respect to many of the erasures, and he could not tell what he had erased. The efforts of your Committee, therefore, to trace the destination of these payments, have been to that extent frustrated.

The Honourable Thomas McGreevy having, whilst under examination, refused to disclose the names of the parties to whom he had paid the moneys he admittedly had received from Larkin, Connolly & Company, and disbursed for election purposes, we reported his conduct to the House, but as the step taken by your honourable body to enforce his attendance at your Bar to answer for his contempt have hitherto been unsuccessful, we are unable to report the disposition made of these moneys.

In order that the House may clearly understand our findings on the several matters referred to us, we propose to give a short statement of the facts as they appear to us to have been proved, in so far as they relate to the construction of each of the great public works with respect to which Mr. Tarte's charges apply.

No. 1.

DREDGING CONTRACT OF 1882, IN THE WET AND TIDAL DOCKS AT QUEBEC.

Mr. Tarte's allegations respecting the contract are contained in paragraphs one to nine, inclusive, of the statement made by him in the House and referred to us. They substantially charge, as stated by Counsel for the Department :

(a.) "That the Honorable Thomas McGreevy, being a member of the Parliament of Canada, and a member of the Quebec Harbour Commission, entered into an agreement with Larkin, Connolly & Co., after they had tendered for the dredging contract of 1882, by which, in consideration of their taking his brother, Robert H. McGreevy, into partnership with them, and giving him an interest to the extent of 30 per cent. in the work tendered for, he agreed to give and did give them in an undue manner his help and influence in order to secure to them the said contract.

(b.) "That to this end he, the said Thomas McGreevy, undertook to secure the dismissal of Messrs. Kinipple, Morris and Pilkington from their positions, and that they were so dismissed and replaced by Henry F. Perley and John E. Boyd."

The charges of Mr. Tarte are :

1. In 1882 the sum of \$375,000 having been voted by the Parliament of Canada to carry out the works of the Harbour of Quebec, the Quebec Harbour Commissioners called for tenders in dredging in connection with the said works.

2. That Messrs. Larkin, Connolly & Co. tendered and were awarded the contract for the said dredging.

3. That in order to secure the influence of the Hon. Thomas McGreevy then and now a member of the Parliament of Canada, and a member of the Quebec Harbour Commission by appointment of the Government of Canada, the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co., with the knowledge of the said Thomas McGreevy, took as a partner Robert H. McGreevy, his brother, giving him an interest of 30 per cent. in the firm.

4. That the said Thomas McGreevy consented to his brother becoming a member of the firm, and stated that he had first consulted the Hon. Minister of Public Works, Sir Hector L. Langevin, and secured his consent.

"5. That the said contract signed on the 25th of September, 1882, stipulated that the works thereunder were to be finished by the 1st of November, 1884, but that the said Larkin, Connolly & Co. continued to perform the work of dredging under the scale of prices therein mentioned up to the close of the season of 1886.

"6. That in order to help Larkin, Connolly & Co. to secure the said dredging contract, the Honourable Thomas McGreevy agreed to give, and did give in an undue manner, his help as Harbour Commissioner to Larkin, Connolly & Co.

"7. That the said contract was approved and ratified by an Order in Council based on a report of the Honourable Minister of Public Works.

"8. That up to the year 1883 aforesaid, Kinipple and Morris, of London, England, had acted as engineers to the Quebec Harbour Commission, and that their resident engineer for carrying out the works was Mr. Woodford Pilkington.

"9. That in concert with Larkin, Connolly & Co. the said Thomas McGreevy undertook to secure the removal of Messrs. Kinipple, Morris and Pilkington from their positions, and that they were in fact so removed in 1883, and replaced by Henry F. Perley and John Edward Boyd, with the consent of the Honourable Minister of Public Works."