

took steps to induce certain members of Parliament to assist him to obtain alterations and additional works, and at his suggestion members of Parliament were approached to this end by members of the said firm.

“(f.) That the said Thomas McGreevy did, at the request of Larkin, Connolly & Co., corruptly endeavour to procure the dismissal from office of certain public officers employed in connection with the works in order to have them replaced by others who would suit Larkin, Connolly & Co., the former being objectionable to Larkin, Connolly & Co., because they compelled them to carry out the works and accept estimates therefor according to the terms of the contract.”

25. That in 1883 and 1884, tenders were asked for by the Government of Canada for the completion of the Graving Dock of Esquimalt, B.C.

26. That the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co. were among those who tendered, and that the contract was awarded to them in pursuance of a report to Council, dated 24th October, 1884, and signed by the Honourable Minister of Public Works.

27. That before tendering, the said Larkin, Connolly & Co. had with Thomas McGreevy, then and now a member of the Parliament of Canada, communications and interviews, wherein they secured his services to assist them in dealing with the Department of Public Works, in order to secure the said contract.

28. That he agreed to help them, and that he did in fact help them in divers ways, and amongst other, by obtaining from the Department of Public Works information, figures, and calculations which he communicated to them.

29. That to the knowledge and with the consent of the said Thomas McGreevy, and for the purpose of securing for themselves his influence, Larkin, Connolly & Co. took into partnership with themselves his brother, Robert H. McGreevy, giving him a 20 per cent. interest in their firm.

30. That during the execution of the said contract the said Thomas McGreevy was the agent, or one of the agents in the pay of Larkin, Connolly & Co. in dealing with the Department of Public Works; that he endeavoured to obtain, and did obtain for them, at their request, important alterations in the works, and more favourable conditions.

31. That the said favourable conditions and the said alterations enabled them to realize, to the detriment of the public interests, very large profits.

32. That during the execution of the works large sums were paid by Larkin, Connolly & Co. to Thomas McGreevy for his services in dealing with the Minister of Public Works, with the officers of the Department, and generally for his influence as a member of the Parliament of Canada.

33. That in consideration of the sums of money so received by him and of the promises to him made, the said Thomas McGreevy furnished to Larkin, Connolly & Co. a great deal of information; strove to procure and did procure to be made by the Department and the Honourable Minister of Public Works in the plans of the Graving Dock and the execution of the works alterations which have cost large sums of money to the public treasury.

34. That he himself took steps to induce certain members of the Parliament of Canada to assist him, the said Thomas McGreevy, in his efforts, in concert with Larkin, Connolly & Co., to obtain alterations and additional works, for which large sums of money were offered to him by the members of the firm.

35. That on his suggestion members of the Parliament of Canada were approached by members of the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co.

36. That certain members of the said firm have declared that the said members of the Canadian Parliament, on being so approached, had asked for a certain sum of money for exercising their influence in favour of Larkin, Connolly & Co. with the Minister of Public Works, and that Larkin, Connolly & Co. had agreed to give them money for that purpose.

37. That Thomas McGreevy, acting in concert with Larkin, Connolly & Co., did, at their request, corruptly endeavour to procure the dismissal from office of certain public officers employed in connection with the works of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, in order to have them replaced by others who would suit Larkin, Connolly & Co., the former having for a time incurred the ill-will of Larkin, Connolly & Co., because they then compelled them to carry out the works in conformity with the specifications and contract, and prepared their estimates according to the terms of the said contract.

As to the foregoing charges upon the subject of the Esquimalt Graving Dock your Committee Report as follows: Tenders were invited for the completion of the Dock which had been commenced by the Government of British Columbia and which they subsequently transferred to the Government of Canada.

The first tenders were called for by the Department of Public Works on 12th November, 1883. Two tenders were received and opened on 5th March, 1884. One was from Baskerville & Co., for \$465,309.54; the other from Starrs & O'Hanly, for \$315,240.58.

In this call, as well as in that which was subsequently made, it was expressly stipulated that the tenderers should take over certain plant, tools and materials, &c.