

Mr. Light examined

*By Mr. Mitchell :—*

1821. What is the position of Mr. Gough with regard to his standing in the country he lives in, and as to the credence which can be given to his oath?—I have never heard anything personally against Mr. Gough. He is a man of energy and industry.

1822. Has he always tried to fulfil his engagements?—I think so.

1823. Is his reputation in the community in which he lives such as Mr. Fitzgerald describes him?—I should say decidedly not.

1824. Would you believe a statement made by Mr. Gough, whether on oath or otherwise?—I would.

1825. Could he have occupied the prominent position as a representative of a leading county for so many years if he had the reputation Mr. Fitzgerald describes to him?—I should decidedly say not.

1826. Has Mr. Gough for the last nine or ten years carried on a very large business in Miramichi?—I have understood he has.

*By Mr. Mills :—*

1827. Do I understand you had an axeman?—Yes. My office being the district office, was large. The man acted as messenger, taking care of my horse, &c. Mr. Fitzgerald's office was only a divisional one.

1828. The position of your office is very different from Mr. Fitzgerald's?—It is. I had supervision over six divisions. Mr. Fitzgerald had but one.

1829. What is the duty of the Divisional Engineer with regard to the pay-list, and who is responsible for the list?—Decidedly the Divisional Engineer.

Mr. Buck—

*By Mr. Mitchell :—*

As Divisional Engineer had you an axeman employed otherwise than on the work of the section?—I had not.

1830. Is not the work on your section very much heavier than on 16?—It is.

1831. How many axemen do you recollect on an average were shown on your section?—At one time I had four, when I had two assistants. I used the axemen who were with the assistants.

1832. Did you ever on your own Section or Section 16 certify for payment of axemen who were not on the line?—On Section 16 I certified to nothing in relation to pay-sheets, and never to my knowledge have I ever certified to any axeman not actually on the line.

1833. Who was responsible on your section for the construction of the pay-list?—I was.

1834. Did you consider it your duty to make up the pay-list before the men were paid?—After the paymaster became aware of the number of men that we had on the survey, which generally confirmed, the pay sheets were made up by him and forwarded to my department, then I certified to them; sometimes he paid himself, sometimes by deputy. I furnish the paymaster with list of names in the section during his periodical visits.

Mr. Fitzgerald examined

*By Mr. Mitchell :—*

1835. Did your brother either through you or himself draw pay as an axeman on the line?—I did draw pay for my brother under the name of Samuel Roy since Roy was discharged. My brother's name is Garrett Fitzgerald.

1836. When did your brother cease to draw pay?—He drew pay up to last February or March.

1837. When the name of Samuel Roy was signed by a mark was it signed by your brother or yourself?—By myself.

1838. Does your brother's name appear on the pay-sheet at all?—It does not.

1839. Yet you have been drawing the pay for him and signing the name of Samuel Roy for some months?—I have since 1872.