

Q. If you had not the custody of them and were not engaged in collating them, will you say who had?—A. I had the custody of them, but the work of preparing them was done under Mr. Gobeil's directions. He knew all about them. If I had done it, it would have taken me a year or two to get them ready.

Q. Were you present during the preparation of the papers?—A. No, Sir.

*By Mr. Edgar.*

Q. Was Mr. Gobeil secretary before you?—A. Yes, Sir.

THE CHAIRMAN:—We had better send for Mr. Gobeil to come over.

Mr. ROBERT H. MCGREEVY sworn:

*By Mr. Geoffrion:*

Q. You are the brother of Thomas McGreevy, member of Parliament?—A. Yes.

Q. Were you connected with the Graving Dock works at Esquimalt. Had you an interest in it?—A. Yes; I had an interest to the extent of one-fifth.

Q. Had you also an interest in the different works or improvements in the Quebec Harbour during the last seven or eight years?—A. Yes; all except the Graving Dock at Lévis.

Q. During the course of these works had you correspondence with, not only your partners, but Mr. Thomas McGreevy?—A. Yes.

Q. Will you take cognizance of this letter and say whether you saw that document before?—A. Yes.

Q. Do you know by whom this letter was written, and by whom it was signed?—A. It was written at Ottawa on the 5th of May, and is signed by Thomas McGreevy.

Q. What year?—A. No year.

Q. What year would it be from the contents of the letter?

Mr. HENRY objects.

Q. Whose writing is it in?—A. Thomas McGreevy's.

Q. The whole of the document?—A. Yes.

Q. To whom is it addressed?—A. To me.

Q. And sent when?—A. There is no date on it. There is only the month of May.

Q. Read the letter?

(Exhibit "B 2.")

"OTTAWA, 5th May.

"MY DEAR ROBERT,—I arrived here yesterday all right at 12 p.m. with all the big bugs of the Pacific Railway, VanHorne and others. The Commission on Inter-colonial Railway is sitting to-day hearing Duncan Macdonlad's case, so Bell told me. He says nothing was done in the others since you left. I believe no report will be made on any of them for this session or for the estimates only after the close. The tenders for cross-wall only arrived here yesterday and are locked up until Monday, when he will commence his calculations. I will write you Tuesday and let you know the Result. Larkin was here yesterday. I told him that it would be useless to get Peters out of the way as it would be tantamount to giving the contract to the highest tender, that you would have to stick to Beaucage's tender as it was fair.

"Yours truly,

"THOMAS MCGREEVY."

Q. Are you able to give the year when such letter was received by you?—

A. It would be 1883 by the subject that is in it. Before you put that in, I want to ask permission to make a statement. Before I put in these letters I would like to have some understanding as to getting them out again, as I am now before the Queen's Bench on an indictment for libel and I might require these documents for my case and would not like to be deprived of them when the times comes.