

present at Toronto, be summoned to give evidence before this Committee on the 14th April instant.

André B. Papineau, Esquire, Mayor of the Parish of St. Martin, in the County of Laval, in the District of Montreal, appeared before the Committee, in obedience to the summons directed to him, and the following questions were put to him :

Will you please state to the Committee all you know in relation to the subject matter of this enquiry, and more particularly state

1st. What means did the Montreal and Bytown Railway Company use to induce the County of Terrebonne to take stock in the Company?

2nd. How were the By-laws binding the Parishes of St. Jérôme, St. Martin, Ste Adele, and the Township of Abercrombie for a total amount of £26,000, passed?

3rd. How were debentures issued and exchanged for Provincial Debentures?

4th. Did you, as Mayor of the County, authorize the Company, or any other person to exchange or negotiate these debentures. In a word, please explain the nature of all transactions or negotiations relating to stock in the Company, affecting the above mentioned places?

The Committee adjourned until Monday next at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Monday, 14th April, 1856.

PRESENT :

Mr. LYON,—*Chairman.*

MESSRS. POULIN,
PRÉVOST,
LABELLE.

Mr. A. B. Papineau appeared before the Committee and requested a further delay in order to complete his answers to the above mentioned questions which were put to him.

Messrs. S. Bellingham, A. M. Delisle and Jean L. Beaudry, witnesses summoned, appeared before the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock, A. M.

15th April, 1856.

PRESENT :

MESSRS. LORANGER,
A. A. DORION,
LABELLE,
PRÉVOST,
POULIN.

Mr. Lyon, the Chairman, being absent, Mr. Loranger was called to the Chair, *pro tem.*

Read the minutes of yesterday.

Ordered—That the above mentioned questions be put and submitted to Jean L. Beaudry, Esq., one of the witnesses summoned by substituting, however, in the fourth question, for the words, "*Did you, as Mayor of the County, authorize the Company, or any other person, to exchange or negotiate these debentures,*" the words, "*State whatever you know concerning the affairs of the Company, and its administration?*"

Ordered—That the series of questions herunto annexed and marked A, be put and transmitted to A. M. Delisle, Esquire, a witness summoned.

Ordered—That the same series of questions be likewise put and transmitted