"Who first suggested building

conversation with Mr. Taylor before he

was a difficulty in the delivery of them

prepare a memo, giving the conditions

"The delivery of crown grants was

way," returned Mr. Wells. "Indirectly

in consideration for the building of sec

t would be one. The crown grants were

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delivered the grants. .

entitled because the lesser acreage in the incessantly. The ministers still con-East Kootenay district would probably be timed to jolly him in the session of 1902. quite as valuable as the larger area in the culty about finding the requisite acreage in try and get it done. the last mentioned territory. I cannot un- He went to Mr. Taylor's office frethis reserve if the British Columbia South Taylor to the best of his knowledge ern Railway Company had received it as never came over the bay with him. part of its land subsidy, and the possibilselection even though the lands were pa-Company, as we controlled both. I do not, (Sd.) T. G. SHAUGHNESSY.

SIR THOMAS TO MR. CLIFFORD.

Montreal, May 11th, 1903. C. W. D. Clifford, M.P.P., Chairman, Vic-

On evening of May 7th I telegraphed you this bill. He supposed he would have stating that I would appear before your made a set on 4,593. The bill was not committee, and asking latest date at which as he understood introduced for take my evidence. On the morning of May grant for section 4 of the railway.

Sth. I received your reply as follows:

Mr. McPhillips then examined my own responsibility. Will lay before before the executive—that was on the committee to-morrow." I telegraphed you: 5th September, 1900. It had no refer "Your telegram of last night just received. ence to blocks 4,593 and 4,594. that time will be extended so that your committee may have my evidence before making report. If this cannot be done, will send statutory declaration by first mail, if that form of evidence will be received by your committee. Would greatly prefer being present." To which you ceived." Since then I have heard nothing from you until to-day, and assumed the incident was closed because nothing would and he and arriving there a day or so after your dressed to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. committee had risen and made its report. Asked as to seeing Mr. Wells in Ha Before deciding to leave now must try and get some important matters here postponed and cannot in any event be in Victoria before Monday evening. (Sd.) T. G. SHAUGHNESSY.

MR. CLIFFORD TO SIR THOMAS.

Victoria. B. C., May 11th, 1903. Sir Thos. G. Shaughnessy, Montreal; Wire received. If you are here Monday evening, 18th inst., committee will meet

and proceed to take your evidence. (Sd.) C. W. D. CLIFFORD.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy will give evi dence before the committee inquiring into the Columbia & Western subsidy matter. A message was received from him Mr. Oliver. this forenoon announcing the fact that he would reach here on Monday evening. The message sent to Chairman Clifford by Sir Thomas was as follows:

"Leaving by No. 1 to-morrow (Wednes day): due in Victoria Monday evening." Geo. McL. Brown completed his evidence this forenoon. He continued as yesterday to be reluctant in giving out information. A somewhat statement was made by Mr. Oliver as having emanated from Mr. Brown respecting supporters of the government wanting something out of the grants which led to the withdrawal of bill 87 in This was denied by Mr. Brown and Mr Oliver also suggested that Mr.

Mr. McCaul called attention to the publication in the Colonist of the letters and messages produced by Mr. Brown He thought it was unfair to his client. Chairman Clifford said the committee decided to give the correspondence to the

Continuing the examination of Mr. Brown, Mr. McCaul asked if he had any correspondence at Vancouver. Mr. Brown said he had taken it all to Mon-

treal when he moved there. With respect to bill 87 of 1902, Mr. Brown did not recollect that he drew up the bil. He probably gave information went to the Attorney-General's office to

be drafted. That was his recollection.

This was long after Mr. Wells's letter of April 3rd, in which Mr. Wells contradicted the interpretation of his (Mr. Brown's) construction with regard to getting these two blocks. He believed wrote another letter to Mr. Wells after that letter of the 3rd of April.

He had an impression that he was in Montreal in June or July, 1901. Mr. Taylor, he thought, might have been here about the same time.

He knew of an arrangement by which

the Crow's Nest Coal Company was to get 10,000 acres of coal lands from any grant made to the B. C. Southern.

Referring to the letter dated July 31st, 1901, which had been produced yesterday, Mr. Helmcken asked him where he got this letter. Mr Brown said he was not sure. It was waiting for him when he got to Vancouver on Sunday. He

correspondence to Mr. Wells "personal" in order that it might get directly to the Chief Commissioner's hands.

The dating of the map accompanying 1900, was in his own handwriting. He had a lot of trouble getting what it necessary to take steps in that direc-

he wasted from the government. He could not tell how many interviews he could not tell now many interviews he with the head been passed he went to Mr. Gore had with any member of the government. der had been passed he went to Mr. Gore officials are coming apparently for the "The delivery of the crown grants was to the went to Mr. Wells. He protested against direct purpose of establishing that Hon. be in consideration of building section Whenever he saw them he interviewed the most severally jollied him the rescinding order. He then arranged to go before the executive. He protested against the rescinding order. He then arranged to go before the executive. He protested may be in consideration of building section Mr. Wells made an actual delivery of the crown grants at Montreal, and that he afterwards got them from the officials. It is therefore but to be expected that him any reasons for the passing of the order-in-council.

At the meeting he called attention to same as other members of the governance from all the the reportested against direct purpose of establishing that Hon. Mr. Wells made an actual delivery of the crown grants at Montreal, and that he afterwards got them from the officials. It is therefore but to be expected that he afterwards got them from the officials. It is therefore but to be expected that he afterwards got them from the officials. It is therefore but to be expected that he afterwards got them from the officials. It is therefore but to be expected that he afterwards got them from the officials. It is therefore but to be expected that he afterwards got them from the officials. It is therefore but to be expected that he action for the world when the conditions for the building section of building section of the cown grants at Montreal, and that he action for the order income.

Mr. Wells was the witness nearly of the provent and urged that perhaps that

ministers. He said he came over and was the reason for the cancellation; all the afternoon. An amusing incident of the grants for section ? ministers. He said he came over and was the reason for the cancellation; all the afternoon. An amusing incident of the grants for section of were no occurred during the examination of the condition of the building of the line.

When the C. P. "Mr. Shaughnessy did not concurred during the examination of the witness by Mr. Davis. When the C. P. self was to row up the Gorge. He would see Mr. Dunsmuir and he

Would put him off. He would speak to were given for the cancellation.

Mr. Eberts. He would sometimes shake hands with him, sometimes become irritated and sometimes tell a story.

With the subsidy matter of the Columbia hands of the committee had been missing the committee had b

acreage than that to which it was properly 87 of 1902. He had been urging action

quite as valuable as the larger area in the terr'tory described by the statute, and being over the subsidy matter in 1902 as cause, too, as I understood it, of the diffi- in 1901, and he therefore came over to

derstand what possible basis there could quently. He went for various reasons, be for Mr. Wells's statement to your committee unless it be that in conversation Crown grants might have come up. He with him I referred to our townsite contract with the Crow's Nest Coal Co., by time to bother the life out of them (the

He was not aware of what took place Sometimes he did, probably getting it tented to the Columbia & Western Railway from conversation with the ministers. the company in its rights, after the order in council was rescinded on 18th probably seek Mr. Helmcken.

March, 1902. The authority for it was an arrangement with the Turner government originally and a promise from Mr. nsmuir that it would be carried out. He did not know that blocks 4,593 and 4.594 would have been selected under

it would be convenient for committee to purpose. His anxiety was to get a land "Come as quickly as possible. Will hold Brown. Mr. Brown admitted that Mr. report till Tuesday, 14th. Doing this on McPhillips appeared only once with him

It is quite impossible for me to reach Victoria on or before 14th inst. I still hope acquainted with facts which he believed it was essential that Mr. Brown should be examined on.

The public were excluded while the mittee discussed the matter. It was decided that Mr. Duff should

examine the witness on these points.

Proceeding, Mr. Duff asked if Mr. ly prefer being present." To which you answered: "Cannot extend time later than grants after he came back from Mon-Mr. Brown said that there was no use

repeating it. Mr. Wells said one thing said another. Mr. Wells told have been gained by my going to Victoria him he had the grants in an envelope ad-Asked as to seeing Mr. Wells in Ham ilton, Mr. Brown said that crown grants were never mentioned. He remembered seeing him there, because of his taking Mr. Wells for a drive. The only cab he could get was an old delapidated one. He did not remember when he learned

that bill 87 was withdrawn. The only explanation he got was that it could not pass the House. He could not recall any of the interviews. He had a conversation with Mr. Oliver

the day previous to his last examination before the committee. He did not remember telling Mr. Oliver that the bill was withdrawn because some supporters of the government would not support it

pass the bill he couldn't do anything.

He never told any one why the bill

Mr. McPhillips then continued his extime it was given. The conversation amination. Mr. Brown said Mr. Wells told him on the way to Montreal that he had the crown grants.

"When did you hear that there was a string on the crown grants, and that there was a condition in connection with the delivery of them?" asked Mr. Mc-

Mr. Brown replied that it was after

Shaughnessy told witness.

Mr. McCaul objected to hearsay evi

dence. Chairman Clifford said that he did not

in the room of the latter. Mr. Brown patents for a few days, practically in said Mr. Dunsmuir stated that he had heard a statement to the effect that Mr. British Columbia and cancelled crown grants. He explained that there ince.

Transport of deficiency block of deficiency block in the told him he would not deliver the lines.

Mr. Taylor and heard a statement to the effect that Mr. Davis wanted to know how the lines. Wells had said that there was some land the grants." company being formed. He could not mber that any names were mention ed. He could not recall that he even mentioned the names of himself and Mr. he got to vancouver on Sunday.

that been trying to think where it came had been trying to think where it came not recall that Mr. Dunsmuir said he would cancel the crown grants. He went

Mr. Brown said he did hot, as well as a could remember, discuss the matter creelman, and by Mr. Oswald, another tion 3, and not for the building official, who is also secretary of the Co-spence's Bridge." uncil of 19th December, with Mr. Taylor before the rescinding order-in-council. He did not consider

When he heard that the rescinding or-

He got assurances from all the the report and urged that perhaps that Hon. Mr. Wells was the witness nearly

hands with finity that was in 1901. In 1902 about the Western. He conveyed the idea that ing. An examination of this bill showed that it was the committee's exhibit. Mr. Davis asked whether Mr. Creel-That was in 1901. In 1802 about the same programme was repeated.

He had a dim recollection of going to the Deputy Attorney-General about bill the Deputy Attorney-General about bill policy.

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had drawn the bill? Mr. Brown said he could not say. He unfortunate piece of paper proved to be none other than bill 87, which he un-

"I do not think so," replied Mr. Brown. known now. I do not recall it." Bringing to the attention of Mr. Brown E. P. Davis, said that Mr. Taylor came asking if the bill was to be introduced with getting the land for the B. C. as drafted, the witness said he supposed Southern. He did not ask him who he which they would have been entitled to select 10,000 acres of coal and of the ministers). He never remembered seeing he must have seen a proof of it. He repeared for select 10,000 acres of coal and of the ministers in Mr. Taylor's office. Mr. would not say that the Attorney-Genwould not say that the Attorney-General drew up the bill. He did not know he never asked him for whom he appear-Thomas, and he was informed was prethat Mr. Taylor drew it up. Witness ed. Mr. Wells said that he had an idea never asked him to do so. He did not that he was appearing for Mr. Brown. admitted that if Mr. Davis was here at by asking either Mr. Brown or Mr. Taythe time he might have asked him to do lor.

The only excuse which Mr. Wells conDavis. "You approved of it?" asked Mr. "Did you give as a reason that there
Davis. "Well I thought it was a matter were going to be some vacancies within veved to him as the reason for withhold-

unwise to deliver these.
"He did not convey the idea that there He gave war.

of yourself or your company?" asked Mr. "None whatever," replied Mr. Brown. "It was simply 'political tremors' he had?" asked Mr. McPhillips.

"Yes," returned Mr. Brown. The Premier never raised any point about building the extension to Spence's Bridge before the rescinding order in ouncil. He had heard of this since the rescinding order.

After seeing the Premier about the

grown grants and getting the promise ed Mr. Wells. that he (Dunsmuir) would see Mr. Wells, witness spoke to Mr. Wells. "What did he say?" asked Mr. Mc"What did he say?" asked Mr. Mc"I did," returned Mr. Wells.
"Would you say that you never delivered these two crown grants with the
others to Mr. Owyeld and the say and the

ical situation?" continued Mr. McPhil-

Commissioner explained. He had really understand the settlement.

"He was worrying and he did not want you to worry?" added Mr. McPhillips.

In reply to Mr. Green, Mr. Brown said that he never had a conversation with anyone else along the lines which had been suggested as having been held with Mr. Oliver concerning the withdrawal of bill 87. He never told anyone he would rather withdraw the bill than divide up with them.

Sending 101 Mr. Danks.

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He did not know what Mr. Taylor's connection was with the C. P. R. He would not say that it was necessary that Mr. Taylor was in league with the C. P. R.

He did not know what members opposed it. He very seldom made inquiries of that kind. He did not get any information other than from members of the government. If the government did not pass the bill he couldn't do anything.

He never fold any one why the hill that that was the series given by the late of the ground of the ground of the ground of the government and the government of the government of the government of the government. If the government did not get any information other than from members of the government. If the government did not get any information of the government of the governmen Brown gave evidence. Mr. Brown was assurances had been given in that matthat that was the excuse given by the According to the memorandum he had had been withdrawn. He did not tell government to Brown. The reason why the surface of the memorandum he had apparently decided to submit it again to the executive, replied Mr. Wells. It was not raised in the examination the executive, replied Mr. Wells. It would have been a useless thing to have withdrawn.

Mr. Eberts, the acting premier, told trying to put him off and trying to intended to submit the matter to the him the bill was withdrawn. He did "jolly" him. He was trying to get in-formation from Mr. Brown, and thought he might have done this to head him off. not recollect that he gave reason for it. formation from Mr. Brown, and thought not recollect that he gave reason for it. formation from Mr. Brown, and thought not recollect that he gave reason for it. formation from Mr. Brown, and thought not recollect that he gave reason for it. He took the view now stated of it at the time it was given. The conversation took was in Toronte about 11th November, and went back to Montreal about 20t

It was after consideration that he got the idea that Mr. Brown was trying to head him off.

November. He could not say when he delivered the 23 crown grants which were taken down also independent of these In reply to Mr. Helmcken he said that two for blocks 4,593 and 4.594. no members' names were mentioned. He had no reason to change his mind with

respect to Mr. Brown having been jolly-

When Mr. Taylor made his proposition witness believed Mr. Taylor and Mr. Brown were working together. The committee then adjourned until Mr. McPhillips asked what Sir Thomas 2:30 this afternoon, when Mr. Wells Shaughnessy told witness. will be cross-examined by Mr. Davis.

"Very Bad Faith." (Special to the Times.)

Montreal, May 12.-When asked by a

was, he supposed, about the date of the reschiding order-in-council.

Mr. Wells and his colleagues. All I arrangement Mr. Dunsmuir had agreed he (Mr. Wells) suggested that a letter ber. Another order-in-council of 19th the Mr. McPhillips asked concerning the know is that the C. P. R. earned the Sir Thomas that he had the grants or

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

upon which it was proposed to build this road. The sitting of the committee inquiring nto the Columbia & Western subsidy matters was made interesting Tuesday one of the considerations upon which the afternoon by the announcement made by road would be built to Spence's Bridge?' E. P. Davis, C. P. R. counsel, to the asked Mr. Davis. "You put it the wrong away with the idea that Mr. Dunsmuir effect that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy did not pay much attention to this. Mr. Brown said he did not, as well as C. P. R. solicitor at Montreal, Mr.

lumbia & Western railroad.

"Why didn't you show that in the memorardum to Sir Thomas Shaughthe contention of the railroad company is to be with respect to this matter. These were separate," returned Mr. Wells.

of crown grants for section 3.

Mr. Wells objected that the delivery nessy and himself had been called in question. He asked that their names be vindicated, which was done. No reasons were given for the cancellation.

We'll a paper put the proposition of said he got from Mr. Brown. For some these crown grants not being delivered?" asked Mr. Davis. "He didn't say much about it," replied Mr. Wells. "Did he not show righteous indignation in the proposition of said he got from Mr. Brown. For some the proposition of said he got from Mr. Brown. For some the proposition of said he got from Mr. Brown. The proposition of these crown grants not being delivered?" asked Mr. Davis. "He didn't say much about it," replied Mr. Wells. "Did he not show righteous indignation in the proposition of these crown grants not being delivered?" asked Mr. Davis. "He didn't say much about it," replied Mr. Wells.

Taking up bill 87, of 1902, Mr. Mc morning's examination of Mr. Brown present at the time and in connection which was signed on 10th November. acreage would be several thousand acres. He had no certain idea of the value folded as small as he could do it. The crown grants not being delivered?" asked agreed to at the meeting on the 2nd of of these blocks at that time. The saving

> Mr. Wells, in his cross-examination by being discussed. He did not at that time ask permission

the reference in his letter to Mr. Wells to see him several times in connection of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy that the asking if the bill was to be introduced with getting the land for the B. C. crown grants should be taken back. It would be too silly a thing. Mr. Davis warned the witness that Mr. Davis thought this peculiar that Mr. Creelman was coming out with Sir

Witness ed. Mr. Wells said that he had an idea pared to give evidence to this effect. "I remembered I told Sir Thomas ty that we might feel that this right of at the executive meetings always. know that Mr. Davis drew it up. He He never satisfied himself on this point Shaughnessy that there was nothing for me to do but take these crown grants back," replied Mr. Wells. so. If Mr. Davis was not in the city For the executive meeting of 19th Commissioner also expressed his pleasure that Mr. Creelman was coming.

> veyed to him as the reason for withhold-ing the crown grants was one of "poll-Wells. If he had had objections, Mr. to deliver these?" asked Mr. Davis. Wells said, he had given way and approved of this at the time. He had objections as a reason why it was proved of the remembered at some time.
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"He did not convey the idea that there had been any over-reaching on the part of your concur with your colleges?" asked Mr. Davis. Mr. Wells.

Mr. Davis called attention to the

Mr. Wells could not recall the circum-Wells could not give any particular rea- stances under which these were spoken, son, "Doesn't that seem remarkable?"

Queried Mr. Davis. "No. At a meetwith the other statement he had given.

Mr. Wells admitted he knew Mr.

Mr. Wells admitted he knew Mr.

I had disagreed with it," return- Oswald as secretary of the B. C. Southern. "Would you say that you never

hillips.

"He said not to worry," replied Mr. Mr. Davis. "No. I did it," replied Mr. Davis. "No, never," said Mr. Wells. That was not the reason for "Is he coming out also?" others to Mr. Oswald and then asked them back the next morning?" asked Mr. "Is he coming out also?"
"Well for your information I may say sending for Mr. Dunsmuir, the Chief

opinion was not taken by Mr. Brown in connection with bill 87.

John Oliver was called. He said he change "Well that was not the course of the committee change "Well that was not the course of the committee change "Well that was not the course of the committee change "Well that was not the course of the committee change "Well that was not the course of the committee change of the committ of the government would not support it unless they got a personal consideration. If Mr. Oliver made such a statement he was mistaken. He did not state that to stance and have documents produced.
Accordingly it was decided to telegraph to these gentlemen to bring all the neces-

sary documents. crown grants to Oswald, and Mr. Creelman expressed regret that they had not got these blocks in question. This was morning. nediately after the interview with Sir Thomas.'

Mr. Creelman, just as the train was moving off, called his attention to the ed as delivered.

a question of law, and if he (Mr. Creelman) was correct that he supposed they would have to be given over.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy last fall consults of the various transactions of the various transactions of the various transactions of the various transactions of the lands are placed in Mr. Eberts's room.

Mr. Helmcken pressed for an answer as to whether he was not deeply concerned in this. As Minister of Lands and Works he would be interested.

could not say whether or not he had the how this came up. "You had no interest issued in the fall of 1901.

"Who was Mr. Taylor working for?" in the company, had you?" asked Mr. Davis. "I don't know. I Davis. "No," returned Mr. Wells. Sir don't know who he was working for,"

Thomas Shaughnessy spoke apologetication of 10th September, 1900. His was rather strange.

Mr. McPhillips asked concerning the know is that the C. F. B. earned the meeting before 18th March, 1902, among land grants in question and that Mr. Sir Thomas that he had the grants or Wells sugested that in any further negonal 4,594 to the B. C. Southern in lieu the letter of 31st July he could not have the letter of 31st July he could not have referred to that. He accounted for this

Sir Thomas suggested that he should building to Spence's Bridge?

that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy looked with a great deal of disfavor.

The cancellation of the crown grants what had been given them.

He did not remember any more about it until a draft order-in-council was seen son than that which had taken place in by witness. Mr. Brown also spoke to by witness. Mr. Brown also spoke to the 24th, the same day as Gordon Hunter by witness. Mr. Brown also spoke to the council was seen to the 24th, the same day as Gordon Hunter by witness. Mr. Brown also spoke to the council was seen to the counc

ance of the fees for crown grants after sarily accompanying delivery of grants. Brown. In reply to Mr. McCaul, Mr. Wells

volve his agreement with it.

The building of the line to Spence's Mr. Wells said that he was actuated

Bridge was to be a condition of the detook place according to the contention of pected. He hardly thought that the or-

as to the signing of the recommendation

Mr. Brown said he could not say. He did not recall the circumstances.

"Will you say that your solicitor never drew up the bill?" asked Mr. McPhillips.

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> His impression in Montreal was that proposed this Mr. Brown and Mr. Taylor were working together. He got that idea because that they had the right to make the sub ch of them had repeatedly appeared before him in connection with the B. C. Southern matters.

took an interest in you in Montreal?" ern for these two blocks, and asked Mr. Helmcken. "Yes," replied 19th December granted them. Mr. Wells.

"But they didn't get the crown grants?" continued Mr. Helmcken. "No." He had heard some time that some trouble in connection with the Crow's Nest Coal Company was to be obviated Southern subsidy to the Columbia & Western. He had seen the agreement

Under bill 87 of last year the company could not have claimed 4,593 be- small print, Mr. Wells said that this would not say he concurred. He signed former evidence of Mr. Wells that Sir cause it was under reserve. They could bore out what he thought, that a map the recommendation, in that far he concurred. There were no conditions exthe delivery of the crown grants was

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There were no conditions except the delivery of the crown grants was going to get him or his government into the rescinding order-in-council thought that 4,594 was under reserve. He had up to some time and the rescinding order-in-council thought that 4,594 was under reserve. He had up to some time and the reserve in the rescinding order-in-council thought that 4,594 was under reserve. a discussion with Mr. Gore on this matter. Up to the time of going to Mon- Mr. Wells presumed that this was the

> reserve. Asked as to who had obtained tracts

Premier? Why he put the key of secrecy Taylor. He first opposed it it because on Mr. Prentice when he told him?

muir with the facts.

He did not know what Mr. Taylor's connection was with the C. P. R. He would not say that it was necessary that would rather withdraw the bill than drivide up with them.

Referring again to the correspondence produced by him, Mr. Brown believed that perhaps his secretary had got the correspondence.

That could be the only result," said Mr. Taylor was in league with the C. Even if an order-in-council had been passed the Premier might direct the course by orders, replied Mr. Wells. If the Premier said not to deliver the crown of It was explained that Mr. Helmcken's It was explained that Mr. Helmcken's mrants he would not have delivered them.

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He did not know that it was discussed at a meeting of the executive be-G. McL. Brown was recalled in order Brown.

to answer a few questions before he left for Vancouver. He said he was quite blocks were to be given to the Column Mr. Wells, continuing, said: "I saw certain he had paid no fees for the pre-mr. Creelman after he delivered the 23 paration of bills 87 of 1902 and 113 of 1901. The committee adjourned until this

When the committee inquiring into the Columbia & Western subsidy matter met Wednesday, the cross-examination of fact that the grants having been duly Hon. Mr. Wells was continued by Mr. signed and the great seal affixed, that Helmcken. The latter went fully into dealing with the same company as parts of he believed that they were to be regard- the history of the transactions, endeavoring to get from the Chief Commissioner | 10th August, 1901. He thought it took Mr. Wells said that he told him it was the reasons for the various transactions place in Mr. Eberts's room.

sir Thomas Shaughnessy last fall conversed with him about the land company of by the government on the 18th September. This provided for the B. C. Southern subsidy. Under that order the his absence at the meeting on the 31st Thomas Mr. Wells said it was a matter of policy to the government. It was done in his absence at the meeting on the 31st Thomas Mr. The meeting on the 31st Thomas Mr. Thom neon. Something came up about this land company. He did not know how blocks 4,593 or 4,594. The recommendation company and the did not know how blocks 4,593 or 4,594. The recommendation company are supported by the company and the did not know how blocks 4,593 or 4,594. The recommendation company are supported by the company and the did not know how blocks 4,593 or 4,594. The recommendation company are supported by the it came up. He might have been inquistive to find it out.

tion accompanying the order-in-council was signed by himself. No grants were wanted to know if it itive to find it out.

Was signed by himself. No grants were Mr. Helmcken wanted to know if it issued in pursuance of that. Grants were was not a strange thing to act on such

He could not say why nothing was ment returned Mr. Wells.

Ally about it. He said that all they had Mr. Davis wanted to know if Mr. Tayto do with it was to turn the land over he could remember was that negotiations customed the could remember was that negotiations customed this matter with Mr. Turner or pretend to know what was a legal question. He did not propose to limit any member of the committee in any question of his evidence before the commission, and retain certain shares.

Montreal, May 12.—When asked by a correspondent what would be the nature of the concurrence of the commission, in the could not say how long he waited to know with it was to turn the land over were commenced for the transfer. He had no recollection of who brought this colleagues after 10th of August, in which dissatisfaction was expressed on member of the committee in any question to witnesses, and told Mr. McPhillips to the unon-delivery of the grant term. It was a somewhat private matter. We know nothing of the care witnesses, the would not say how long he waited before apprising his colleagues of the circumstances after his return. It was to get these two blocks. They were not alternate to yet these two blocks. They were not alternate to witnesses, and told Mr. Wells and no recoll

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Brown had be-Mr. Davis wanted to know how the tween 10th September and 19th Decem- witness may have been satisfied with the province would require Mr. Greenshields, ber made proposals for a settlement. legality of the grants. He was still dis-er anyone else, in connection with the Mr. Taylor was the first one to speak to satisfied with it as a matter of policy. him about it. Mr. Taylor referred to a He thought he gave instructions in his Mr. Wells said he well remembered company which was forming for the purthat Sir Thomas Shaughnessy looked pose of taking over blocks 4,593 and upon this reference to Mr. Greenshields 4,594. Leading up to that they would with a great deal of disfavor.

The cancellation of the crown grants what had been given them.

connection with Mr. Taylor at Montreal, by witness. Mr. Brown also spoke to That was an executive act. He could him about it. "I think that Mr. Taylor not reveal what took place in executive. | mentioned the C. P. R. as forming a part He considered the variation from the of that company." He could not remem thought they had deviated from the terms of the subsidy act as a grave ob- ber having any communication with any stacle in connection with the matter. member of the government about the The Columbia & Western had never for matter. He remembered Mr. Brown remally accepted this proposal.

The order-in-council issued on 4th Oc-made. He remembered going to a meetferring to the saving which would be tober was issued in pursuance of the ing of the executive and Mr. Brown was He laid the matter before Sir Thos. decision of the executive. The accent- sitting there. Mr. McBride was also since of the fees for crown grants after there. "I turned to Mr. Brown and crown grants were not delivered and the that date would not be regarded as necessaid: 'I understand that the province negotiations were cut off for the time. will make a very large saving of several He did not go to Hamilton to see Mr. hundred thousand acres?" Mr. Brown

replied 'Yes.'"
Mr. Helmcken asked for the reasons said that a recommendation coming from which prompted the government in makhis department did not necessarily in- ing the change as indicated by the or-

by the saving in area. He could not relivery of the crown grants, not vice versa.

He could not imagine Sir Thomas letting two such important documents as he was disappointed in the saving in crts did." these crown grants out of his hands, as area. It was not as large as he had ex-

January, at which he was not present. was found to be 167,031 acres. Witness creased value or they would not have

The executive must have been advised

stitution on the 19th December. Mr. Helmcken pointed out that on the 8th September the government had re "Shaughnessy, Brown and Taylor all fused the application of the B. C. Southern for these two blocks, and yet on the

Mr. Wells had no idea what was the general reason which prompted the gov ernment to make this grant.

The arrangement of 19th December was not carried out. Mr. Brown came by the transfer of the land from the B. to him and wanted a substitution from the British Columbia Southern to the Columbia & Western. He could not remember just what reason was adwhen he saw Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. vanced by Mr. Brown, but he ed he (witness) said: "Well, Mr. Brown you had better make your proposal."

On the 10th of August, 1901, an order in-council was passed. Being shown a to himself from Mr. Brown through the hands of Mr. McNeill. He found the handwriting of Mr. McNeill on the map. This map was found to be the office file treal he had not known it was not under plan which was before the executive of 10th August, 1901.

It was pointed out by Mr. Helmcken in 4,594, Mr. Wells said he did not know that two orders-in-council were passed that the B. C. Southern had obtained on 10th August, 1901, one was for set-any parts of it. He knew only one man, Mr. Harvey, who had taken up tracts.

He did not know that he represented any bia & Western for sections 1 and 3.

railway company.

Mr. Wells said the Columbia & WestMr. Helmcken asked Mr. Wells why he did not tell Mr. Dunsmuir of Mr. sent by Mr. Taylor to Mr. Eberts, ask-Taylor's proposals when Mr. Dunsmuir ing for the transfer. He was in the Atfirst asked him why the grants were not torney-General's office. They discussed delivered. Why did he keep it from his the carrying out of the proposition of Mr it was contrary to the Subsidy Act. Mr Mr. Wells contended that he took an early opportunity to acquaint Mr. Duns-was not satisfied with them. Finally wrote one with the single word He remembered Mr. Eberts speaking sible." He did not know that this mesto him about the urgency of delivering sage was sent. He understood that it the crown grants after his return from was to be sent. This was probably in

to tell him right in the House.

Respecting bill 87, he did not draft that he promised to support this. He went away on the 27th July. He

did not see the proposal if made by He understood that the executive had blocks were to be given to the Colu bia & Western, and taken from the B. C. Southern. He did not know that he a certained the reason for this from his

He remembered that he had one conversation with the Attorney-General, when Mr. Eberts said that if the Columbia & Western wanted these lands he thought it should make no difference if it got them, when they were really the C.P.R. This was probably before

an important matter affecting his depart-Mr. Wells admitted that he thought it

ecutive in his absence.

as being a mistake some way in dating. After getting Mr. Hunter's opinion not be handed over until they were again submitted to him. He had the grants

"I think that Mr. Taylor Dunsmuir previous to this. He brought to the attention of the Premier that he spirit of the Subsidy Act. Mr. Duns thuir said that he had not so understood it. He did not remember that the Premier gave his own understanding of it.

He went to Montreal on 24th October Shaughnessy. The upshot was that the negotiations were cut off for the time. Last fall he saw Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and discussed the whole matter of land subsidies. Sir Thomas said he would send some one out whenever they

"Did any member of the ministry urge you to deliver the crown grants after rescinding order was passed?" asked Mr. "Yes," replied Mr. Wells. "Mr. Eb-

He did not know that Mr. Eberts gave any particular reason. His contention the C. P. R.

der-in-council was passed the same day was that they should be given up. He

Mr. Helmcken questioned Mr. Wells

as Mr. Brown was present. He had understood that the saving in should be delivered. "What was that

Mr. Helmcken. "He urged that the be carried out," rep Witness knew the strong grounds that cut. He could not

words used by Mr. know that the Atto ception to Mr. Dun tion of why he sho erts at that time, to deliver the grants Mr. Dunsmuir cam and urged him to grants. Witness he ing him there were would tell him "The Montreal which had to do w

the crown grants? "It had consider Mr. Wells replied. Mr. Helmcken as the legality of the tion which decided Mr. Wells objected would be an execut could not speak.

He did not rem matter with any mem ment after March 18th. At 12 the con McPhillips stating the him more than half an Mr. Wells.

(Frem Thursday

Wednesday afternoon to Hon. W. C. Wells wa Columbia & Western The afternoon was occup gether with the answer put to the Chief Commi McPhillips.

ceedings Mr. McPhillips to the Colonist report, i stated that Mr. McPhill "long and dreary cross-ex the witness. Mr. McPhi statement might be accor influences which guided might be that the wri to comprehend the bea questions had upon the objected to the use of repeated" if that applied tions. It might be that the interested in suppressing he would do his duty and information in the interest The Colonist represents

he had no instructions as be written. The Colonist him what he should take asked to report the pro-"four-score" reference h Mr. Brown's expression "d Mr. McPhillips said the along been the policy of the assassinate himself. This distinction from the cours

newspapers had pursued He would not be deterred duty in this matter, how thing which appeared. thing which appeared.

In answer to Mr. Mcl.

Wells said that he was in day in saying that there w tions pending when he was One election, that of Victoring, and his remarks applie

Mr. McPhillips asked i mean the vacancies in the than the elections pending. Mr. Wells said he did He might have referred remarks were to be interp ference to the usual roar that everything was being g

He was not very sure that made the proposition to hi saw Sir Thomas Shaug thought that he saw Mr. T he wrote the memorandun for Sir Thomas. "If Sir Thomas had agr

the C. P. R.

proposal in the memorandul grants would have been deli ed Mr. McPhillips. Mr. Wells said he would these grants over if Sir agreed to all the condition tion with building to Sper His colleagues would not

fault with him in that, I He never told Sir Thomas versation with Mr. Taylor. After his return he acc Dunsmuir with the fact of livery of the crown grants. ed about the 11th of Decem away for a time. He tho r. Dunsmuir shortly after "You went to Montreal r 'railway policy?'" asked ips. "Yes," replied Mr. V

"And you returned with t policy?" continued Mr.
"Yes," replied Mr. Wells. This seemed very peculiar Phillips, who wondered at porting the matter to his coll carlier.

Mr. Wells said Mr. Duns his return urged him to delive grants. He said: "Mr. Broy ing for them, and why not del The Premier and his other wished to have the grants deli Mr. McPhillips, pressing for got the reply that the gover celled the crown grants on the proposal made to nim by lor, and this had never been cated to Sir Thomas Shaugh

Mr. Wells interjected that another reason other than tha in the proposal made to him b lor. There was the fact that Shaughnessy had disclosed there was an agreement by Crow's Nest Coal Company 10,000 acres if the land we hands of the company out of the B. C. Southern subsidy. Last fall he took memor orders-in-council and showed S as the latter had seemed somewhat, that the land had

to the B. C. Southern.

said that he would have be

agreeable to take that land a

or the B. C. Southern.

Mr. McPhillips could not s agreement with respect Southern came into this mat Mr. Wells said he became that Sir Thomas Shaughne aware of this attempt to fraud upon the Crow's Nes pany. He connected it in