

By Mr. Mulock :

Q. You promised \$25,000 to Mr. Thomas McGreevy?—A. Yes.

Q. Did you give it to him?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Amyot :

Q. This is outside the interest of Robert McGreevy as a partner?—A. Yes. We got information at the time to show that Gallagher was the lowest, Beaucage next and Larkin, Connolly & Co. highest.

By Mr. Tarte :

Q. What about Peters?—A. Peters was under Larkin Connolly & Co. he was next to Beaucage. The figures were shown me in pencil and then it was that I made the proposition to give \$25,000.

By Mr. Mills (Bothwell) :

Q. Who showed you the figures?—A. Thomas McGreevy.

By Mr. Davies :

Q. In the letter you read (Exhibit "D 2") he says "try and get a good plan, and as quick as possible in answer to the letter that Gallagher and Beaucage will receive about their tenders to bring them over L. & C., so as their tender will be the lowest." Was there any agreement made, or did you adopt any plan to accomplish this suggestion?—A. Yes.

Q. What plan was it?—A. There was doubt about the sheet piling on the back of the cribs and we intended originally to lay that out as a blind—as doubtful prices in figuring. And the letter came to us and one of the things was to change that sheet piling from so many dollars per running foot to so many cents. And it was made cents instead of dollars.

Q. In the letter?—A. In the letter that went from Quebec to Ottawa.

Q. You say that in the tender which you submitted to Ottawa you had tendered for sheet piling?—A. We sent a schedule of rates.

Q. So much per foot?—A. So much per lineal foot on the face of the work.

Q. You had sent it in cents?—A. It was to be left as evasive as possible.

Q. What is the tender?—A. Twenty-five cents.

Q. In each of the three tenders or only in Larkin, Connolly & Co's?—A. They were put in one of them at twenty cents, and in Beaucage's twenty-six cents and we put in at twenty-five cents.

Q. All in the same form?—A. Nearly the same.

Q. You received information from Ottawa with respect to that item. Have you any letters?—A. Yes; I will read the following:

(Exhibit "T 2.")
No. 6905.

"DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CANADA,

"CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, OTTAWA, 17th May, 1883.

Quebec Harbour Works.

"SIR,—In your tender for the construction of the Cross-wall harbour works, Quebec, there is an evident error in the prices. You have given for "sheet piling," 8", 6" and 4" thick white pine, and 6" thick, any timber, as per clause 18. If you will examine the form of tender you will note the prices asked for are "per lineal foot in line of work," which means a measurement along the *top* of the work after having been done, and not with any reference to the length of piles to be driven, &c. From the prices you have given it is inferred that you have named a price *per lineal foot of pile* instead of per lineal foot of work.

I am directed to call your attention to this, and to request an immediate reply whether an error has or has not been made by you, and if so, that you will name a price per lineal foot in line of work, to enable me to compare your tender with others who have given prices as per the requirements of the tender.