

Ques. Was the book of evidence to which you refer the original evidence signed by the witness or a copy thereof?—Ans. I am unable to state ; I merely know that it was received at the office and sent to the Executive Council : it was sent in by the Commissioners.

[By Mr. *Felton*.]—You say it was sent to the office. By whom was it sent to the office, from whom were the documents received?—Ans. The documents were transmitted at the date above mentioned. They were received from the Secretary.

[By Mr. *Felton*.]—What was his name?—Ans. George Brown, Esquire. They were sent from the Secretary of the Commission to the Provincial Penitentiary to the Provincial Secretary, and referred by the Provincial Secretary, by command of the Governor General, to the Executive Council for their information.

The *Chairman* enquired if there was anything more to ask the witness.

[By Mr. *Macdonald*.]—Did you ascertain at the Executive Council Office that all the papers connected with the report, as well as the reports themselves, had been given to Mr. Lafontaine?—Ans. I obtained no further information than is contained in an extract from the register book of the Executive Council Office, which I have with me. There is no mention of evidence in the extract which I will hand in if the Committee desire it.

[By Mr. *Felton*.]—Did you see the original entry?—Ans. I did.

Ques. Was there any objection to this being treated as authentic?—Ans. There could be none.

Mr. *Macdonald*.—I will get a certificate from Mr. Lee as to the book of evidence.

In reply to a question from the Chairman, Mr. *Brown* said that he had no question to put to Mr. Powell. He had not the least idea what was to be brought, he presumed there was no evidence; he would take his own time as to meeting any evidence that might be brought.

The *Chairman* replied that he might cross-examine any witnesses that were brought.

Mr. *Brown* replied that he had that privilege and would use it whenever he thought it expedient.

Mr. *Powell* then retired.

Mr. *Macdonald*.—He would ask to have the point settled, as to the mode of taking evidence and as to cross-examinations; cross-examination might be on new matter or matter elicited in the examination in chief; Mr. Brown could make any witness a witness of his own, but he could not afterwards call the same witness and cross-examine him.