

61. You remember the contract given to Bancroft and Connolly for the construction of the Kingston Graving Dock?—Yes, sir.

62. Do you remember the signing of the same contract?—I do sir.

63. Do you remember who had prepared the contract?—The contract was prepared by a clerk named Saucier, who was preparing the contracts under my direction in the Department.

64. Do you remember the parties who came to sign the contract?—Of course, there are a large number of people coming to my office every day, but as far as my recollection goes three gentlemen came in connection with this contract, shortly after the Order in Council was passed awarding the contract. Two of these gentlemen I knew, but the other one I did not know. The two gentlemen whom I knew were the Messrs Connolly—Nicholas and Michael; the other gentleman I did not know.

65. You had never seen him before?—No.

66. Nor have ever seen him since?—No.

67. Who introduced him to you?—So far as my recollection goes, he was introduced by one of the Messrs. Connolly. My recollection is not very clear on the point, but as far as my memory serves, it was either of the two Messrs. Connolly.

68. You had got the contract prepared first?—As is usual, after the Order in Council is passed, or after the order is given awarding the contract to one or more persons. All the contracts are prepared in this way. This one was prepared the same as others.

69. You introduced the three gentlemen to Mr. Saucier?—I either called him to my office or went down to his office. I am speaking of my usual custom. In regard to this particular matter, I would not be clear on that, but I did take the contractors to him.

70. Had you told the Connollys, before, when the contract would be ready for signature?—I cannot recollect that. My recollection is not distinct as to what occurred before.

71. Do you remember when the tenders were received for that work?—Yes.

72. Was that on the 20th March?—The papers will show the date.

73. At all events, it is the date mentioned in the advertisement?—Yes.

74. The date fixed for the receiving of the tenders was the 20th. Let us assume that is so. On that date some tenders reached the Department?—Yes.

75. Do you remember the number?—I think there were 20, so far as I remember.

76. At what hour on the 20th did you ascertain that there were 20 tenders?—I did not find out on that day; the tenders were not opened until the next morning.

77. I am not speaking of the opening; I mean the receiving of the tenders?—My recollection of the number of tenders is based on the fact that I opened them and counted them.

78. Who receives the tenders when they come into the Department?—The Secretary of the Department. They are addressed to him.

79. And you were receiving the tenders for the Kingston work?—I was receiving them.