

*By Mr. Amyot :*

Q. In the absence of Mr. Martin P. Connolly, who is in charge of the Quebec office?—A. I cannot answer that question. There are two or three watchmen there.

Q. Name one of them?—A. There are one or two there whose names I do not know.

*By Mr. Lister.*

Q. What had they to watch?—A. They have a good many things to watch.

MR. OWEN E. MURPHY SWORN :

*By Mr. Tarte :*

Q. You have been, I think, a member of the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co.?—A. Yes, Sir.

Q. When did you become a member of that firm?—A. In 1880.

Q. In connection with what work did you become a member of that firm?—A. In connection with the Graving Dock at Lévis.

Q. Who were the members of the firm at that time?—A. Patrick Larkin, Nicholas K. Connolly and myself.

Q. How long have you been a member of the firm since 1880?—A. Until I sold out in 1889 or 1890. I do not recollect the date.

Q. At any rate until you sold out?—A. Yes. I think it was in 1889.

Q. What was the first work for which your firm made a tender after the Graving Dock work?—A. Dredging in Quebec Harbour.

Q. Do you remember what year that was?—A. In 1882, I believe. I am not positive, but I think that was the year.

Q. Who were the members of the firm then?—A. They were the same members of the firm.

Q. Did the members of the firm make up their minds to take with them some one else at that time?—A. Yes.

Q. Whom?—A. Robert H. McGreevy.

MR. STUART—I would submit, Mr. Chairman, that what the members of the firm made up their minds to do is hardly relevant to the inquiry.

MR. TARTE.—Well, I want to be fair with my questions. (To witness). You have stated that Mr. Robert McGreevy was admitted with you as a member of the firm at that time?—A. Yes.

Q. Will you tell us, if he was taken into the firm with the consent and knowledge of the Hon. Thomas McGreevy?—A. Yes.

Q. Did you discuss the matter yourself with the Hon. Thomas McGreevy?

MR. FITZPATRICK objected to the question.

Q. Did you discuss the position that Mr. Robert McGreevy was going to have in your firm, with anybody?—A. I discussed it with members of the firm—Mr. Larkin and with Mr. Thomas McGreevy.

Q. Then Mr. Thomas McGreevy knew full well that you were to take with you Mr. Robert McGreevy?—A. Yes.

Q. Have you any recollection that tenders were asked twice?—A. Yes; this (referring to a paper in his hand) is the first dredging contract.

Q. Did you put in a tender the first time?—A. No.

Q. Why?—A. I had it made out and was going to the Harbour Commissioners to put it in when I met Mr. Thomas McGreevy who told me not to put it in; that they would not be opened; that the Commissioners intended that the contract would be re-advertised. The consequence was I did not put it in.

Q. Did he give you any reason why you should not put in a tender?—A. There were considerable reasons, but I have no remembrance of any other one than that