

THURSDAY, 20th August, 1891.

The Committee met at 11 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:

Messieurs Girouard, Chairman,

Adams,	Desaulniers,	Lavergne,
Amyot,	Desjardins (<i>L'Islet</i>),	McDonald (<i>Victoria</i>),
Beausoleil,	Edgar,	Mills (<i>Bothwell</i>),
Choquette,	Flint,	Mulock,
Coatsworth,	Fraser,	Pelletier,
Costigan,	German,	Tarte,
Curran,	Ives,	Thompson (<i>Sir John</i>),
Davies,	Kirkpatrick,	Tupper.—25.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Mr. Edgar stated that he had gone through the letter-books of the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, in accordance with the Resolution adopted yesterday, and had selected eight letters which had also been inspected by Mr. Henry. The letters were then filed, and marked as Exhibits "X18" to "E19."

Mr. Montague Anderson, Manager of the Ottawa Branch of the Union Bank of Canada, was sworn and examined as to date of the accepted cheque for \$9,000 referred to in the evidence of Mr. Michael Starrs.

Mr. J. L. P. O'Hanly was sworn, examined and discharged from further attendance.

Mr. Michael Starrs was recalled and re-examined; during his examination four letters were read and filed, and marked as Exhibits "F19," "G19," "H19" and "I19" respectively. Mr. Starrs was then discharged from further attendance.

The Chairman then declared the case closed as regards the taking of evidence.

In regard to address of Counsel, Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that he desired to address the Committee on two points only and would be ready to do so any day next week. Mr. Henry stated that he proposed to put in a factum and would have it ready for next week. Mr. Tarte, on behalf of Mr. Geoffrion, said that he was not prepared to say to-day when he would put in a factum.

Resolved, That the Committee do sit on Tuesday next to hear address of Counsel and to receive any factums that may be put in.

The Clerk then read the Order of the House of the 19th instant, referring to this Committee the question whether the election of the Honourable Thomas McGreevy was being lawfully contested at the time he tendered to Mr. Speaker his resignation as Member of the House, &c., &c., which order of reference reads as follows:

"WEDNESDAY, 19th August, 1891.

Resolved, That whereas Mr. Speaker did this day inform the House that he had received from the Honourable Thomas McGreevy, the Member for Quebec West, a tender of his resignation as a Member of this House, and that on the receipt of such resignation, he, Mr. Speaker, had issued his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for the issue of a Writ for the election of a new Member in the place of the