

The letter is as follows:

(Exhibit "O 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.") "HOUSE OF COMMONS, CANADA, OTTAWA, 13th May, 1886.

"MY DEAR ROBERT.—Your letter received. Will be home on Saturday morning. The tenders for Cape Tormentine work were opened to-day by Sir Hector. The lowest is an Ottawa man. He is \$134,000. His name is Perkins. The next after him is another Ottawa man. Perley says the estimate of the work is \$170,000. You know what the tenders were that you were interested in. It is a great pity that fine job like that should go so low. Give enclosed to Mr. Chaloner.

"Yours truly,

"THOMAS MCGREEVY."

"I have seen Ferguson. He is going to push on the suit. Government won't ask any delay.

"Yours,

"T. M."

"The estimate for April for B.C. was passed on Monday last. The amount was \$36,000 net.

"T. M."

By Mr. Geoffrion :

Q. Will you please examine the letter now put in your possession and see if you can identify the document?

MR. STUART.—This is a letter marked private and the postscript has no relevancy to the subject-matter of the investigation.

(Question of relevancy of postscript reserved. Committee subsequently decided that postscript was irrelevant and should not be put in as evidence).

THE CHAIRMAN ordered that the letter be read with the exception of the postscript.

WITNESS.—The letter is written on House of Commons note paper by Thomas McGreevy and signed by him. It is addressed to, and was received by me, and reads as follows:

(Exhibit "P 2.")

HOUSE OF COMMONS, CANADA, 9th March, 1886.

"MY DEAR ROBERT,—I send you a letter from Marine Department. You will read it to Fradet and tell him that contract will be sent in a few days. If he wants to copy letter let him do so. Will write you again this afternoon. I had a meeting this afternoon with Sir Hector and Sir Adolphe on Baie des Chaleurs. Sir Hector insisted on an understanding being come to. I refused to do so, and told him at last to let Robitaille make a proposition himself; that I was not going to make brains for him forever and let him take advantage of it. They proposed (not Caron, Sir Hector) to give me control of road to St. Ann's with subsidy of \$6,000 per mile, if I would withdraw my opposition to B. de C. Railway and relieve you and me of our stock. They are in a complete fix. The Armstrongs cant get anybody to touch them. Isbester sent word by Mitchell that as long as the Armstrongs had anything to do with it, they would not.

"Yours truly,

"THOMAS MCGREEVY."

By Mr. Geoffrion :

Q. Identify this letter?—A. This is a letter of the 18th June, 1885. It is in the handwriting of Thomas McGreevy and signed by him. It is addressed to me.

Q. Read it.

(Exhibit "Q 2.")

"HOUSE OF COMMONS, CANADA, 18th June, 1885.

"MY DEAR ROBERT,—Your letter and telegraph received. Valin has telegraphed to Verret to give Beaucage the jacks. The amount on hand in the books here to