

telegraphed to Quebec to get the receipts, and that will give the precise amounts. I could not connect the matter yesterday when the question was asked of me.

Q. Were they certified?—A. No, Sir.

Q. They were uncertified?—A. Uncertified.

Q. The same as the one you filed yesterday?—A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Had those cheques been originally deposited with contracts or subsequently?—

A. I really could not remember. I am simply the custodian of the cheques. It was all before my time. I would simply get them from Mr. Verret; I could not remember what they replaced or did not replace.

Q. Will you be kind enough to look at the *Quebec Chronicle* of 17th June, 1882, at the foot of the 6th column of the 3rd page, and say whether the notice for tenders therein published on behalf of the Harbour Commissioners of Quebec relates to the tenders which it was decided not to open on the 21st of June, 1882? If such a notice refers to the said tenders, will you be kind enough to produce a copy of it?—A. I am very sure that I will not be able to tell. I am almost positive, for I really know nothing about those contracts, except what I have learned from the records before me.

Q. You must be able to find that there were not two tenders calling for dredging for the same place, and if the number of feet, quantities, &c., is there?—A. By comparing the minutes, perhaps, I might get at it.

Mr. GEOFFRION.—I have finished with Mr. Woods for the present.

Mr. E. F. E. Roy, Secretary, Public Works Department, sworn:

*By Mr. Geoffrion.*

Q. You are at present the Secretary of the Department of Public Works?—A. Yes, Sir.

Q. And custodian of the papers connected with that Department?—A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Will you be kind enough to file before this Committee the Reports signed by Mr. Truch and Mr. Perley, dated respectively 16th and 21st of February, 1885, connected with the Esquimalt Graving Dock?—A. I know nothing about them.

Q. You are in a position to know?—A. I have only been Secretary of the Department since the beginning of January. All those papers were filed long before I got there, and I know nothing of them.

*By Mr. Edgar.*

Q. Who is the custodian of them?—A. I am supposed to have charge of them, but I have had nothing to do with any papers of the Department for ten years. The gentleman who knows all about them is the Deputy Minister.

*By Mr. Davies.*

Q. Have you not been asked to look for the papers since this investigation began, two weeks ago?—A. No, Sir.

Q. Have you not been engaged in collating the papers required by the Committee?—No, Sir.

Q. What officers were engaged in that work?—A. There were about six or seven under the supervision of Mr. Gobeil.

*By Mr. Edgar.*

Q. He is the Deputy Minister?—A. Yes, Sir.

*By Mr. Davies.*

Q. Although the papers were supposed to be in your care, you were not the officer employed in collating them?—A. They are supposed to be in my charge, but I had nothing to do with them.