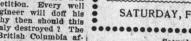
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# Arbitration Committee

Mr. Hooper's Cross-Examination Took up the Whole Session Yesterday.

Witness Protests Against Very Many of the Questions Asked By Counsel.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The select committee appointed investigate the arbitrators award to investigate the arbitrators award in the Gevernment House extras, met again yesterday morning at 10.30 in the Government buildings. On the opening of proceedings Mr. H. D. Helmcken, K. C., on behalt of Mr. Drake, produced all the plans and documents that were in the possession of the contractor and all the plans and documents that were in the possession of the contractor, and asked that they all be put in as exhibits. Mr. Hooper was then called and his examination continued, Mr. Duff cross-examining. In reply to a question, Mr. Hooper said he never knew that the architect had anything whatever to do with awarding the contract; the duty of the arbitrators was to obtain their knowledge from the contract, but they had nothing to do with the architect's estimate. They disregarded every clause except 20, which was waived. The question of the climmey was then

except 20, which was waived. The question of the chimney was then brought up by Mr. Dud. Mr. Hooper claimed that the chimney had been changed. Mr. Duff wanted him to point out on the plans what the change was, but Mr. Hooper retueed at first, say-ing that the plans Mr. Duff produced were not the original ones and might not agree with the ones he had seen. Mr. Hooper said: "I never saw those plans until Mr. Phillips produced them yesterday."

plans until Mr. Fullips produced them yesterday." Mr. Duff asked witness why he had not seen them. Mr. Hooper answered: "Because I couldn't get them, although I tried hard enough." Mr. Hooper said to Mr. Duff: "Why don't you act in a fair and honest man-ner and produce the documents on which I made my findings: then I will answer you any question you like?" On Mr. Duff saying he could compare them, Mr. Hooper again protested, and asked: "Why wouldn't you let me do it yes-terday instead of today; wanting me to give evidence and swear on plans I have never seen. I object, first to the three sets of plans now produced not being alike, and I think, in all fair-ness to me, the only set that should be used are those presented to the board, they being the ones on which we took the evidence."

Mr. Duff here remarked: "If yo had not excluded Mr. McLean yo would not have got the evidence tha you did." Mr. Hooper objected strenuously t

Mr. Booper objected strenuously to these remarks, saying they were not correct. He said: "If you and Mr. Mc-Lean had been faithful to your charges you would never have got the informa-tion you have. No man can get a square deal with three or four officials of the departments and a bunch of lawyers trying to buck him." Further Mr. Hooper charged Mr. McLean with in-terfering before the arbitrators were ap-pointed, and said he did everything in his power to break the investigation they were conducting. Mr. Duff asked witness if he con-sulted Mr. Gamble during the arbitra-tion.

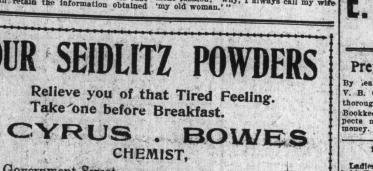
Witness answered he dia. "put, you bet, I was sorry for it."
Mr. Duff here asked witness if he was not aware that by doing this he nullified the award.
Mr. Hooper said the reason that he did consult Mr. Gamble was that he was told he could get the documents from that official, but if he knew what the knew now he would never have gone near either Mr. McLean or Mr. Gamble.
Mr. Duff told witness that he was making complaints, and it looked as if he was in the making the man who was in the word.

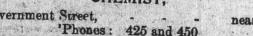
wrong. Mr. Hooper said: "I simply went to Mr. Gamble in the interests of the country and as a friend of the govern-ment, and asked him where I could get certain documents."

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