

he had to increase their wages also. On the nomination day, on the 8th of December, he was absent from the city. He returned about two o'clock in the afternoon, and found the works deserted. His foreman had promised the men that they should be paid, and he (witness) regarded his word as pledged by his foreman. His foreman gave his men a holiday on the representations of Mr. Hellam. Witness made a claim upon Mr. Wagner of \$47 for the time lost by his men, but was not paid. He believed it was necessary to increase the wages of stone-masons and bricklayers to get the number required upon the Central Prison works.

Mr. Mellville was directed to appear before the Committee with the correspondence relative to the giving up of his contract upon the Prison works.

JOHN FOSTER was next examined. He stated that he was foreman for Mr. Mellville, one of the contractors on the Central Prison. He allowed the men to go to the nomination on the 8th of December, and he took his orders from Mr. Hellam. Mr. Hellam said he had received word from the Commissioner that the men were to go, and that the time would be all right. He did not vote at the last election, but he voted at the previous one. The men attended the elections, but he gave them no instructions as to how they should vote. The men who were away longer than the time necessary for them to vote had their time stopped. He exercised no undue influence over the men. They were greatly shocked by the revelations of the Pacific Railway business.

Witness was ordered to appear to-morrow with the time-books.

Mr. CAMERON was of opinion that the evidence should be reported to the House, and that Mr. McKellar should be allowed to make a statement previously if he desired to do so.

Mr. WOOD was in favour of this course being adopted.

The CHAIRMAN was opposed to the proceeding as it was opposed to a previous action of the Committee to give a partial report

After some further discussion,

It was moved by Mr. RYKERT, and seconded by Mr. LAUDER, that the Chairman should be directed to ask the permission of the House to report the evidence taken before the Committee from time to time, as the Committee might deem desirable.

The motion was carried, and the Committee adjourned.