

examination of the witness in the way proposed by himself

The motion was seconded by Mr. HARDY and carried.

Hon. Mr. FRASER then proceeded with the examination of Mr. Lalor, who stated that the amount of his contract with Mr. Elliot was \$8,040, and from him he received \$6,000 of that sum. One hundred and nineteen gates and the same number of ventilators were made at Penetanguishene by prison labour under the superintendence of Mr. Wilkie. He and Mr. Wilkie tendered for the last 84 gates more than a year ago. For the gates made previously to this lot he desired to go into partnership with Mr. Wilkie, and asked Mr. Tully if he would object to that partnership, and he received a reply in the negative. He and Mr. Wilkie tendered for this lot of gates, but his name was subsequently struck out, as Mr. Wilkie objected to enter upon the partnership. He understood that Mr. Wilkie had the job before he (witness) knew anything about him. He got 12 cents a pound for the iron-work in the upper tier of cells, because the iron had increased in price. For the first lot of gates 12 cents a pound was obtained. The work for the upper tier of cells was not included in the first contract. The whole work was now completed.

Hon. Mr. FRASER.—Have you received anything more than fair pay for the work you executed?

Mr. LALOR.—We got what we agreed for.

Hon. Mr. FRASER.—That is not an answer to my question. Have you and Mr. Wilkie together received anything more than fair remuneration for the work done with regard to these tiers of cells?

Mr. LALOR.—I am perfectly satisfied with what I got.

Hon. Mr. FRASER.—Will you answer the question?

Mr. LALOR.—I do not think we have received anything more than fair pay for our work.

Hon. Mr. FRASER.—Are you a political friend of the Government?

Mr. LALOR.—Yes.

Hon. Mr. FRASER.—Were you a friend to the Government before you entered upon the contract with the Government?

Mr. LALOR.—No.

Hon. Mr. FRASER.—Did the fact of your having a contract with the Government change your political feelings?

Mr. LALOR.—No, it was not that.

Mr. CAMERON.—What do you consider a fair profit over your work?

Mr. LALOR.—Twenty-five per cent.

Mr. CAMERON.—If you had taken the contract at eleven cents, what per centage would you have made?

Mr. LALOR.—I should then have made about twenty per cent.

In answer to Mr. Fraser, witness stated that he had daily lost money on the contract with Mr. Elliott, which he continued under the Government, owing to the increase in the price of material and the alterations decided upon.

The CHAIRMAN announced that before Mr. McKellar made his statement, he desired to have two of the employees on the building called.

Mr. CAMERON considered that Mr. McKellar should make his statement first in accordance with the arrangement of the preceding day, and that the witnesses should be examined afterwards.

Mr. HARVEY said it was admitted by hon. gentlemen the day before that Mr. McKellar should have access to the evidence before he made his statement and he did not see how they could more consistently object to this evidence on the point being taken.

The CHAIRMAN thought that as a matter of courtesy they should examine their witnesses.

Mr. HARDY moved that the witnesses should be called and examined before Mr. McKellar proceeded with his statement.

Mr. CAMERON moved as an amendment, that Mr. McKellar should be heard before any further evidence was offered.

Mr. FARWELL considered it was right that Mr. McKellar should see the evidence that had been taken, that he should hear this portion of the evidence before he made his statement.

After a little further discussion on the subject, the motion was carried.

Mr. WILLIAM KENNEDY was then called. He said he was Speaker's messenger, and

had been engaged in that position for two years permanently. He recollected the contest for representation in the Dominion Parliament between Mr. Moss and Mr. Bickford. He believed there were some persons engaged about the building who were electors of West Toronto, but he could not say positively. Two canvassers named Evans, a tinsmith, and Terry Clarke, one day asked him to speak to Mr. McKellar about a man named Lynn, he believed, who shovelled snow from the building. These canvassers desired witness to ask Mr. McKellar to question the man as to how he intended to vote. Witness spoke to Mr. McKellar as directed, and he replied that he would not interfere with any of the electors about the place.

Mr. CAMERON.—Did you know what Lynn's inclination as to voting was?

Witness.—No, I never asked him.

Mr. CAMERON.—Were you aware that Flahill was sent to North Wellington to vote against Mr. McGowan?

Witness.—No, I was not.

Mr. CAMERON.—You know he was absent from the building a couple of days or more?

Witness.—Yes.

Mr. ROBERT FRANCIS SMYTH, the next witness, was then examined. He stated that he was engaged in the Registrar-General's office. He was engaged there at the time of the Moss-Bickford election in West Toronto. He was a voter in that division at that time, and remembered having an interview with Mr. McKellar on the morning of the election just before voting. There was a message left in the Registrar-General's office informing him Mr. McKellar wished to see him. He went to Mr. McKellar and asked him if he had sent for him (witness). Mr. McKellar said "You have a vote in West Toronto?" and he replied that he had. Mr. McKellar then said "Well, I do not wish to influence you in any way, as to how you should vote."

Hon. Mr. FRASER.—What answer did Mr. McKellar make when you asked him if he had sent for you?

Witness.—I am not sure what answer he made. I believe it was. I have stated as I do not think he knew what my name was, for he asked me what department I belonged to. I answered that I belonged to the Registrar-General's office; and he said, in reply, that Mr. Pardee was my chief, and asked me if I had seen Mr. Pardee. I replied that I had not. I then left Mr. McKellar's office.

Mr. CAMERON.—Did you vote?

Witness.—Yes.

Mr. CAMERON.—How did you vote?

Witness.—For Mr. Moss.

Hon. Mr. FRASER.—Did you see Mr. Pardee?

Witness.—Yes, I saw Mr. Pardee a short time after I saw Mr. McKellar, and spoke to him in reference to my vote. I told him I had a vote at the Western Division. He asked me how I was going to vote; and I told him for the Government candidate. Mr. Pardee rejoined—"I am glad to hear it." I said I had been speaking to Mr. McKellar upon the subject.

Mr. CAMERON.—When Mr. Pardee said he did not wish to influence you, did he make any further observations?

Witness.—No, he said nothing further.

Mr. CAMERON.—Did he not say he would rather you would vote for Mr. Moss?

Witness.—No, he did not.

Mr. CAMERON.—Were you not astonished at being sent for?

Witness.—I thought he wanted to know which way I was going to vote.

Mr. CAMERON.—But did he not tell you what he wanted you for?

Witness.—He told me nothing further than what I have stated.

Witness, examined by Mr. Cameron, further stated that there were other voters in the Registrar-General's office, but he did not know whether any notices similar to the one left for him were given to them. The election he referred to was between Mr. Moss and Mr. Robinson. He voted at the Moss-Bickford election for Mr. Moss. He promised Mr. Moorhouse on both occasions to vote for Mr. Moss. He never voted before the Moss-Bickford election in Canada.

Hon. Mr. FRASER.—Was the influence of