

Railway Construction—Contract No. 15.

Surveyed lines as well as trails had been made.

611. Were there any trails over that section?—Two or three surveyed lines had been made, and there were also trails.

612. What do you call trails?—Trails are paths through the woods or lakes which are usually travelled.

613. For pedestrians or horses?—Not necessarily for horses.

614. Then there had been a track through that country before the line was located?—Yes; for the surveys.

615. Would there be any difficulty in ascertaining the amount of earth that could be obtained for the fillings?—I should think not.

No difficulty in ascertaining amount of earth to be obtained for the filling up.

616. Do you know where it was expected that the timber would be got for trestle work on section 15 if the timber was not on the section or near it?—I do not.

Does not know where the timber for trestles was expected to be obtained.

617. Have you been over this southern line that you spoke of from Rat Portage?—I have seen the line in several places, and I have been along the water, along Clear Water Bay, on Shoal Lake, and by the Falcon River, and up Falcon Lake.

618. But not on the immediate location?—No.

619. Is it the same geological formation as the other line?—Part of it is the same, but the country is not so rough, and as you approach Falcon Lake you sooner get into the open country on the southern line.

Approaching Falcon Lake, get into open country in the southern line twelve miles sooner.

620. How much sooner—by twelve miles or thereabouts?—I should think about that.

Telegraph—Contract No. 1.

TRUDEAU.

TOUSSAINT TRUDEAU's examination continued:—

621. Upon the first day of your examination I asked you this question: "Do you think that the reason why the Department gave this contract to Sifton, Glass & Company was that they thought Waddle & Smith were about to fail to comply with the terms of their contract for section five?" You made some allusion to a report of Mr. Fleming's; have you anything to say further now that will elucidate that matter by further reference to the report?—In my answer to question 202 yesterday, I stated the reason why the tenders of Fuller, Dwight and Waddle & Smith were passed over. It was my intention this morning to have read Sifton, Glass & Company's tender, which, in my opinion, has been adopted without modification of price, but was prevented from doing so by other pressing business in the Department. I shall endeavor to do so by my next appearance before the Commission.

622. It has been considered that I prevented you from making as full a reference to this report as you intended. The object of my present question is to know whether you now wish to make a fuller reference to this report than you were allowed to do on that occasion?—(No answer.)

Witness not prevented making full reference to Fleming's report.

623. As you seem unprepared to answer that question, will you answer this: Were you prevented from making as full a reference to that report as you wished?—No.