

Q. Do you know that he went over this particular line laid down on the map as the Dawson line?—I know he passed from the head of the north-west arm of Rainy Lake to Lake of the Woods.

Q. Is this an island, this large piece of land in the lake near the Narrows of Lake of the Woods?—It may sometimes be an island at extreme high water, because I have heard that the water passes somewhere near Turtle Portage to Whitefish Bay.

Q. Have you gone over the line on the west side of crossing No. 2?—I have been repeatedly across to the north-west side of the Lake of the Woods, and also to Lac Plat Portage near No. 2. I could not say that I have been in the particular spot. However, I did not recommend crossing No. 2; I preferred crossing No. 1. I have been through the channels there sufficient to give me a knowledge of the country. I do not claim to have made a critical examination of this part of the north coast of Lake of the Woods; I only claim to have strongly recommended it for critical examination, which I believe was never made.

Q. You do not lay down a line absolutely?—No; I merely suggest it. I file a map as exhibit No. 2, that accompanied my report of the exploration of that country made in 1873. In concluding, I may remark that those people who have given evidence have made no surveys whatever of the Narrows of Lake of the Woods, and were not, therefore, in a position to say whether the islands on the line of crossing were correctly placed in the map or not. The assumption that they were not is simply gratuitous.

The islands other than those immediately at the crossings are from previously existing maps, which are at least perfectly correct in this: namely, that they show the crossings to be completely land-locked and sheltered from wind and wave. Mr. Thompson made more than one map showing the Lake of the Woods, and the islands on the old map are from his general plan, if not on his plan of the boundary line.

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Col. J. S. DENNIS, called and sworn, was examined as follows:—

Q. Look at the map exhibit "Z," and state to the Committee whether the islands laid down at the crossing at the Narrows of Lake of the Woods are in the same position as the islands laid down in the boundary survey maps?—There are islands shown on the tracing "Z" of a size and in a position that do not appear to be marked on the Commissioners' map. The Commissioners' map is not sufficiently complete in detail to permit a thorough comparison with the tracing "Z," because the large island which appears on the scale of the tracing to be about a mile and a half distant from the west shore is not shown upon the Commissioners' map, nor are any of the islands easterly of that on the tracing given in detail on the Commissioners' map.

Q. Does the large island you refer to exist?—I take it for granted that it exists, for I see it here on the plan "Z," but it is not shown on the Commissioners' map because, probably, their object was to identify the west shore of Lake of the Woods, and when they had sufficiently identified it, and put in all the islands on the shore, it was all that was essential to show.

Q. Do you know from what map the tracing No. 4 was taken?—I cannot say positively.

Q. Was it taken from any of Mr. Dawson's maps?—That I cannot say. I had a large map of Mr. Dawson's in my office, which he was good enough to lend me the year before last, and a number of tracings have been made from it, but whether this is one of them I cannot say. I cannot identify it.

Q. Are the islands in question shown on the tracing No. 4 that are shown on the small tracing "Z"?—There is one more shown on the tracing "Z," than is shown on tracing No. 4; that is close to the west shore.

And further, deponent saith not.

J. S. DENNIS.