

Contract No. 2—
Telegraph.

345. And for five years?—\$53,887.50.
346. This added to his price for construction, as stated in Mr. Fleming's estimate, would give what total?—\$227,887.50.
347. This would appear, by that estimate, to be some \$32,000 less than the two contracts that you have accomplished?—Yes.
348. But this estimate of Mr. Fleming's as to the construction is apparently erroneous?—Yes. S. Fleming's estimate erroneous.
349. The price for construction as really asked by Thompson amounts to a considerable sum over that?—Yes. Thompson's prices really higher than those contracted for.
350. How much larger would the sum be that was really demanded by Thompson upon an exact calculation?—\$114,750.

OTTAWA, Saturday, 14th August, 1880.

HENRY N. RUTTAN, sworn and examined:

RUTTAN.

By the Chairman:

Survey's--Ex-
ploration.

351. What is your occupation?—Civil Engineer and contractor. Civil Engineer.
352. Have you been in the employment of the Government of Canada at any time?—I was in the employment of the Government in 1868 on the Intercolonial Railway.
353. After leaving the Intercolonial Railway, were you employed in any way in connection with the Pacific Railway?—I was employed in 1874 on an exploration north of Lake Superior, and in 1875 on an exploratory survey between the Kay lakes and Root River. In 1874 explorations north of Lake Superior; in 1875 exploratory Survey between the Kay Lakes and Root River.
354. During the first period had you charge of a party, and in what capacity?—When I left the Intercolonial Railway I was in charge of section six as Division Engineer of the Intercolonial Railway.
355. And on the Pacific Railway?—In 1874 I was assistant to Mr. T. J. Thompson, and in 1875 I had charge of the division; Mr. Henry McLeod, District Engineer. Assistant to T. J. Thompson in 1874; in 1875 had charge of division.
356. What time in 1874 did you begin operations?—We began in June. Began operations June, 1874.
357. At what point?—At the Pic River on Lake Superior.
358. In what direction did you proceed?—We proceeded in a westerly direction along the shore of the lake to Nipigon. Proceeded westerly to Nipigon.
359. What was the number of men in the party to which you were attached?—About twelve altogether. Party numbered twelve.
360. Will you describe the different positions of the members of the party, whether they were laborers, engineers or otherwise?—Mr. Thompson was the engineer in charge of the party; I was assistant engineer, and the rest of the party consisted of the chain men, axe men and boat men.
361. You had no animals with you?—No. No animals.