

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

The Commissioners appointed to construct the Intercolonial Railway, have the honor to submit a Statement of the progress of the works under their charge since the date of their former Report, 15th March, 1870.

CONTRACTS.

At the end of the year 1869, contracts had been let and works were in progress upon Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, which were then let, were soon afterwards taken out of the hands of the original contractors.

On 4th April, 1870, after having been duly advertised, Sections Nos. 13, 14, 15, and 16 were let; and Nos. 3 and 4 were re-let. The Tenders range as follows:—

Quebec.....	No. 13,	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles,	42 tenders...	\$738,000 to	\$1,413,688
"	" 14,	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	39 " ...	230,600 "	500,000
New Brunswick...	" 15,	12 "	44 " ...	316,415 "	655,319
"	" 16,	18 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	39 " ...	206,000 "	426,761
"	" 3,	24 "	38 " ...	438,480 "	831,659
Nova Scotia.....	" 4,	27 "	43 " ...	375,543 "	621,584

After careful enquiry, contracts were awarded as follows, viz. :—

No. 13 to	W. E. Macdonald & Co.....	at	\$934,933
" 14 "	Nielson & McGaw	"	245,475
" 15 "	J. B. Bertrand & Co.	"	363,250
" 16 "	King & Gough	"	206,000
" 3 "	F. X. Berlinquist & Co.	"	462,444
" 4 "	Smith & Pitblado	"	438,318

On the 25th May, after having been duly advertised, tenders were received for the following Sections, viz., Nos. 5, 6, and 7, (the former contracts for which had been annulled) and Nos. 17, 18, 19, and also No. 20, on 6th July, 1870—new contracts.