

- Railway Construction—Contract No. 14.**
Copy of contract with Sifton, Ward & Co.
1197. Can you produce the contract with Sifton & Ward, No. 14, or a copy of it?—I now produce a copy of it. (Exhibit No. 57.)
1198. Can you produce the bond given by way of surety for this contract, or a copy of the bond?—I now produce a copy of it. (Exhibit No. 58.)
1199. Have you a copy of the specifications for contract 15 to produce?—I now produce a copy. (Exhibit No. 59.) **Contract No. 15.**
1200. Have you a copy of the bill of works for contract 25 to produce?—I now produce it. (Exhibit No. 60.) **Contract No. 25.**
1201. Have you the Minute of Council authorizing the operating of the telegraph line by Oliver, Davidson & Co.?—I now produce it. (Exhibit No. 61.) **Telegraph Construction—Contract No. 4.**
1202. Have you any notification, or copy of it, from the engineer, or any one in your Department, to Oliver, Davidson & Co. concerning the operating of this line?—Yes; and I now produce a copy of it dated June the 10th, 1876. (Exhibit No. 62.) **Railway Construction—Contract No. 33.**
1203. Have you the advertisement for the tenders upon which contract 33 was awarded?—Yes; I now produce it. (Exhibit No. 63.) **Advertisement for tenders.**
1204. Have you copies of the correspondence between the Department and Mr. Robinson connected with his contract for ties on the Pembina Branch?—Yes; I now produce them. (Exhibit No. 64.)
1205. What is the number of your next contract concerning the construction of the road between Lake Superior and Red River?—No. 41. **Contract No. 41.**
1206. What is the subject of that contract?—The construction of a line from English River to Eagle River. **English River to Eagle River.**
1207. Which is the eastern terminus?—English River.
1208. Is that the terminus of the work under contract 25?—Yes.
1209. About what length of line does this work cover?—About 118 miles. **118 miles in length.**
1210. Who were the contractors?—Purcell & Co. **Purcell & Co., contractors.**
1211. What is the date of the contract?—March 4th, 1879. **March 7th, 1879, date of contract.**
1212. Was this work let by public competition?—Yes.
1213. Have you the advertisement for tenders?—Yes; I produce it. (Exhibit No. 65.)
1214. I see by the advertisement that other work than this was included in the advertisement for tenders?—Yes. **Other work included in advertisement for tenders.**
1215. Were all the tenders for this work received by the Government before the time named in this first advertisement?—No; the time was extended. **Time for receiving tenders extended.**
1216. Was the date for the extension inserted in any newspapers before the time had elapsed named in the first advertisement?—Yes.