

A refund of \$1,000 has been made on account of horses sold by auction. I would ask that in this, and in all cases of refunds of sales, a statement be furnished me of the goods sold and the services received, as no information is to be derived from the mere statement of the bulk proceeds of the sales.

Your obedient servant,

The Dy. Minister of Militia.

J. L. McDOUGALL, A.G.

AUDIT OFFICE, Jan. 23, 1886.

Sir,—I beg to call your attention to the following remarks on the expenditure under advances to the Hudson Bay Co. on account of militia on active service as per statements 1-5 inclusive.

1st. The correction of \$20 in voucher 543, Fort Qu'Appelle supplies, statement 6, should not have been made, for although the amount has been entered as \$62.45, still in the addition it has been taken as \$42.65, the correct amount. In the same statement, \$147.05 (see list) should be transferred from payments to supplies.

With these changes, in addition to those made by the company itself, and allowing a commission of 5 per cent. on the corrected amount of payments, the first five statements would be as follows:—

	Supplies	Payments	Commission	Total
Statement 1.....	\$169,367 26	\$125,398 00	\$6,269 90	\$301,035 16
do 2.....	40,060 44	100,983 86	5,049 19	146,093 49
do 3.....	2,597 58	105,895 95	5,298 30	113,788 33
do 4.....	73,873 24	185,110 68	9,255 53	268,239 45
do 5.....	5,340 17	182,243 85	9,112 20	196,696 22
Total.....	<u>\$291,238 69</u>	<u>\$699,632 34</u>	<u>\$34,981 62</u>	<u>\$1,025,852 65</u>

I observe that Major W. R. Bell, a member of the transport service, who appears to have acted for Mr. Bedson in his absence, is manager of the Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Co., which draw some \$44,547.50 for forage and teams supplied, and that in his own name he supplied forage to the amount of \$6,652.50. I understand, moreover, that he is a member of the firm of Bell, Lewis & Co., Winnipeg, which drew \$52,744.92 for teaming. It is unnecessary to remind you that in all such cases a certificate by a disinterested party as to the performance of the service is indispensable.

Your obedient servant,

The Dy. Minister of Militia.

J. L. McDOUGALL, A.G.

AUDIT OFFICE, Jan. 28, 1886.

Sir,—As at present I am engaged in preparing my report for the year 1884-85, I would request you to furnish me, at as early a date as possible, with answers to my letters of the following dates:—Sept. 7, 1885; Oct. 9, 1885; Oct. 22, 1885; Nov. 19, 1885, and Dec. 23, 1885.

Your obedient servant,

The Dy. Minister of Militia.

J. L. McDOUGALL, A.G.

AUDIT OFFICE, Nov. 19, 1885.

Sir,—I have to request that you would be so good as to furnish me with a statement showing all stores and supplies (the property of the Government, and purchased for the use of the troops in the North-West) remaining on hand after the troubles were over, and also showing how the same were disposed of.

Yours respectfully,

The Dy. Minister of Militia.

J. L. McDOUGALL, A.G.