

DAVID POTTINGER recalled and further examined :—

By Mr. Barker :

Q. Mr. Pottinger, have you yet prepared the statement as to that 10,324 tons of steel rails?—A. 10,323 tons, they were purchased, 5,000 from the Cambria Co. and 5,000 from the Illinois Steel Co.

Q. At what?—A. At \$20 a ton, they were delivered.

Q. Where were they laid?—A. 3,017 tons were laid in 1900.

Q. Where?—A. Were laid in 1900, I think on the Drummond line. 3,740 were laid on capital on the line between Painséc Junction and Truro.

Q. In what year?—A. In the year 1901.

Q. 1900-01 or 1901-02?—A. 1900-01.

Q. The same year?—A. No, for the first is in the year 1900.

Q. 1899-00?—A. 1899-1900.

Q. Yes, and the latter ones the 3,740 were laid on capital account between what points?—A. Painséc Junction.

Q. What is that?—A. P-a-i-n-s-e-c Junction and Truro.

Q. Yes?—A. And the balance about 3,500 tons were laid on account of maintenance on the Drummond County Ry. in 1901, in the year 1900-01. They were all charged out at \$22 a ton.

Q. With regard to the tie inquiry made by Williams?—A. To which, sir?

Q. The tie investigation made by Williams? You didn't leave that, did you?—A. It is here.

Q. These things that are asked for perhaps you had better leave with the clerk. You had better put that in, when was that partial report completed?—A. It is dated November 4th.

Q. Yes, when was it completed?—A. It has not been completed yet, the whole, this one.

Q. As far as it goes when was it completed?—A. I presume on that date he received the instructions on the 25th of September.

Q. Would a report of that kind be in the office since last November without your hearing of it?—A. Well, I did not hear of it until very recently.

Q. Until it was sent to you?—A. No.

Q. You asked for it and it was some time before it came?—A. Yes.

Q. Are you sure it was prepared last November or has it been prepared during the sittings of this committee?—A. I have said it was evidently prepared last November.

Q. How is it such a report as that on a very grave charge against an officer has not been submitted to you?—A. Because I presume the investigation was not completed.

Q. Did you ever ask?—A. I did not.

Q. You knew away back in May, 1901, that complaints had been made?—A. I did.

Q. And although this partial report was made in November, you never inquired whether any partial or complete report was made?—A. I did not.

Q. What portion of the line does that report cover, I mean generally about how many miles?—A. About eighty-three miles.

Q. Eighty-three miles, out of how long?—A. From Campbellton to Ridge Pine and the Dalhousie branch.

Q. This eighty-three miles is out of the number of miles that the complaint refers to, otherwise Mr. McManus' district?—A. One hundred and eighty-five miles.

Q. Is that all of McManus' district?—A. No, he extends over the whole line, but it is the chief district where ties are got out.

Q. But the ties would be delivered all along the line?—A. A few were, the bulk between Moncton and Campbellton, and the bulk of these between Newcastle and Campbellton, about one hundred miles.