

**Railway
Spikes—**

Contract No. 50.

tenderers?—It was mentioned in the form of tender supplied to tenderers.

14238. The tenders call for the supply of bolts and nuts as well as for railway spikes, and in the tenders different prices were named for those different articles: was the contract with one person for the whole or with different persons for portions, according to the lowest prices of each?—The spikes were given to one firm and the bolts and nuts to another.

14239. In each instance to the lowest tender?—Yes.

14240. Have you the original tender of the successful parties for the spikes?—Yes; I produce it. (Exhibit No. 180.)

**Spikes tested
before accepted.**

14241. Were these spikes submitted to any test as to their sufficiency before being accepted?—Yes.

14242. By whom?—By Mr. Touby.

14243. Has the contract for the delivery of the spikes been fulfilled?—Yes.

14244. Satisfactorily?—Yes.

14245. Has there been any dispute upon the subject?—No.

14246. Is there anything further connected with this spike contract which you wish to explain?—No.

**Fish-Plates,
Bolts and
Nuts—
Contract No. 51.**

14247. Is the next contract also based upon this advertisement?—Yes, it is; contract No. 51 is for the supply of fish-plates, bolts, and nuts. The contract was entered into with the Dominion Bolt Co. and is dated the 8th September, 1879.

14248. Is this matter also embraced in the report which you have produced?—Yes.

**Contract based on
lowest tender.**

14249. Is this contract with the parties who made the lowest tender for bolts?—Yes.

14250. Have you the tender which was successful?—Yes; I produce it. (Exhibit No. 181.)

**Tested before
accepted.**

14251. Were these articles submitted to any examination by Mr. Touby, or any one else on the part of the Government?—Yes, they were by Mr. Touby.

14252. And the result was satisfactory?—Yes.

14253. Has this contract 51 been completed?—Yes.

14254. Has there been any dispute upon the subject?—No.

**Articles supplied
were of Canadian
manufacture.**

14255. Were the articles of Dominion manufacture or English?—They were of Canadian manufacture.

14256. Have you the agreement itself of contract No. 51?—I produce it. (Exhibit No. 182.)

14257. Have you the original contract No. 50?—Yes; I produce it. (Exhibit No. 183.)

14258. Is there anything else in connection with either of these contracts which you wish to explain?—No.