

**Contract No. 1—
Telegraph.**

Tenders called for

66. Was this contract made after advertising for tenders?—Yes.
67. Have you a copy of the advertisement?—I have, and now produce it.
68. Were there specifications or any other information given to the public to enable them to judge of the sort of work that would be required?—Yes, I now produce them.
69. Have you the original tenders which were made for the work?—I have not got them here, but I can produce them.
70. Have you any memorandum with you showing the names and the substance of the tenders?—I now produce a schedule of the tenders. (Exhibit No. 1.)
71. Who made this schedule?—This is a certificate that a number of tenders for the construction of the telegraph were opened in my presence and in the presence of Sandford Fleming and F. Braun, Secretary of the Department.
72. This certificate is at the foot of the schedule?—Yes.
73. The tenders must have been opened before this schedule was made out?—Yes.
74. Do you know who prepared this schedule—whether it was the Engineer in Chief, for instance, or the Secretary?—This appears to be the writing of Mr. Fleming.
75. Have you any statement showing which was the lowest tender, the next lowest, and so on, in order, for section number one?—Yes, and I now produce it.
76. What is meant by section one of the telegraph line?—It is from Winnipeg to Selkirk and along the railway line to Livingstone.
77. Then it is from Winnipeg to Livingstone via Selkirk?—Yes.
78. Was that section one of the telegraph line the subject of the first contract?—It was.
79. Please read from that statement the name of the person who makes the lowest tender?—R. Fuller, of Winnipeg.
80. Does the work include only the construction of the line or the maintenance as well?—The tender is for work of two kinds, construction and maintenance.
81. What is Mr. Fuller's tender for the construction?—The rate per mile is \$155; for the gross contract \$38,750.
82. What is his tender for maintenance?—\$6,000 per annum.
83. For how many years?—Five years.
84. Then, for construction and five years' maintenance his whole price is how much?—\$68,750.
85. Who makes the next lowest tender?—H. P. Dwight, of the North West Telegraph Company.
86. How much does he ask for construction?—\$225 per mile; \$56,250 for the contract.
87. What is his offer for maintenance for five years?—\$30 per mile per year.

Opened in presence of S. Fleming, F. Braun and of witness.

Schedule prepared by Fleming.

Section one, Winnipeg to Livingstone via Selkirk.

The subject of first contract.

Fuller's was the lowest tender, i.e. \$155 per mile, \$38,750 for gross contract.

\$6,000 per annum for maintenance.

His whole price \$68,750.

Next lowest tender, H.P. Dwight's

\$225 per mile; \$56,250 for the contract.

Maintenance: \$30 per mile per year.