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commencement of this investigation I said it was simply a matter of not agreeing with the classification; it wasn't a matter of losing confidence in their honesty nor their integrity.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Lumsden did not go earlier upon the work himself and visit it more frequently. Had he done so, it is probable that any question arising in regard to classification would have been immediately and satisfactorily adjusted; and when any difference arose, your committee are of the opinion that it was Mr. Lumsden's duty as Chief Engineer to have immediately taken steps to have had the difference settled, and if any portion of the staff refused to conform to his instructions, to have recommended their dismissal to the board of commissioners. The district engineers, Mr. Doucet and Mr. Poulin, both engineers of large experience and of high standing in their profession, stated that they were thoroughly familiar with the classification returned from their respective districts, and expressed their complete satisfaction with the engineers under them, and assumed complete responsibility for the work in their districts. As a consequence, it appeared to the committee that no further information that would be of assistance to them would be obtained by calling any engineers in addition to those whose evidence was taken.

Your committee beg to submit herewith to the House all the evidence taken before us to date for their information, and to report that in our opinion Mr. Lumsden's charge of general disregard of his instructions has not been sustained, and no evidence has been adduced which, in our opinion, would justify him in stating that he had lost confidence in the portion of the engineering staff referred to by him.

The committee beg to submit to the House such further or other reports as may be necessary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

VICTOR GEOFFRION,
Chairman.

SIXTH REPORT.

TUESDAY, May 3, 1910.

The Special Committee appointed to investigate the charges and allegations made by Hugh D. Lumsden against a portion of the Engineering Staff of the National Transcontinental Railway beg leave to present the following as their Sixth Report:—

As regards the payment of fees and expenses of Counsel appearing before your Committee during the course of the inquiry held by them, your Committee recommend that, in addition to the fees to be paid to Mr. F. H. Chrysler, K.C., counsel for the Committee under the authority granted by the House on the 23rd February last, proper and reasonable fees and expenses should be paid to Mr. R. C. Smith, K.C., counsel for the Transcontinental Railway Commissioners, and to Mr. J. A. Moss, K.C., counsel for the Engineers affected by Mr. Lumsden's charges, and for this purpose they also recommend that the Clerk of the House and the Law Clerk be authorized to tax the fees and expenses of the said three counsel and to pay the same when so taxed out of any moneys voted by Parliament for expenses of Committees.

All which is respectfully submitted.

VICTOR GEOFFRION,
Chairman.