

## Public Accounts.

Q. What allowance do you always make in cribwork for net quantities—for the actual amount used?—A. I made an allowance as much as 15 per cent at one time.

Q. Have you made an allowance here?—A. No, I made it net.

Q. Then for the quantities used you should add 15 per cent. You say the quantities you used there are net quantities. The quantities in that cribwork that you used according to the plan are the net quantities, is that it?—A. Yes.

Q. How much do you generally allow above the net quantities for the actual amount of timber used?—A. I allowed them at one time as much as 15 per cent.

Q. You have'nt allowed the 15 per cent in these quantities now, have you?—A. No, sir.

Q. The 15 per cent should be added to show the actual quantity used according to your estimate—

*By Mr. Langelier :*

Q. You have taken that per centage into account in your estimates. In the actual net quantity you did not allow the 15 per cent, but in the actual estimate did you take into account the 15 per cent?—A. We made the prices.

*By Mr. Haggart :*

Q. What are the actual quantities you have taken out there at any part of that cribwork, and we will find out whether you allowed that 15 per cent?—A. We simply checked the government quantities. We took the government quantities and put the price.

*By Mr. Davies :*

Q. Do you know whether in the government quantities they made allowance for this 15 per cent or not?—A. I don't know; we took the government quantities.

Q. Whatever they allowed?—A. We took and put the price on that.

Q. Will you kindly add 15 per cent, so as to put this matter beyond possibility of doubt, to these estimates of the timber: 16,058, 24,460 and 5,292 cubic feet?—A. The total money is \$16,700, and put 15 per cent on that would make it \$17,637.

Q. So if you add 15 per cent to this it would be about \$2,000?—A. It would be \$2,500.

*By Mr. Mills :*

Q. Did you make the actual measurement yourself of that. You haven't the figures here?—A. We measured the things on the plan as I told you. We simply inspected the ground, and could not measure because the water was in the canal.

Q. Were these measurements above or below the measurements given by the government?—A. The measurements we made out were generally below those of the government. Perhaps that accounts for the allowance Mr. Haggart speaks of.

*By Mr. Haggart :*

Q. You never saw the work on the ground?—A. I went on the ground twice.

Q. Can you tell me how many longitudinal timbers there are on the pier on that cribwork at the head of the pier in the Grand Trunk Railway bridge and the Wellington bridge? How many longitudinal timbers are there? Take the west pier first?—A. No; I could not tell you off-hand. I will tell you frankly I am a little bit rattled before all these people. I am slow at figures anyway.

Q. You say you were on the ground and examined the work?—A. I want to show that the work on the ground is entirely different from the plan.

*By Mr. Davies :*

Q. In giving your totals before you gave in the foundation of the pivot pier 24x41x12. The minister, I understand, is asking you that?—A. No; it is not that.

*By Mr. Haggart :*

Q. I want to know the actual amount of pieces as shown by the work on the ground and not on the plan? Did you measure it?—A. No; I measured from the plan.