

COMMITTEE ROOM,
THURSDAY, May 21st, 1874.

Sub-Committee met.

Messrs. Gough, Fitzgerald, Light, Garden, Buck, Hazlewood, Fleming, and McLelan were in attendance.

Mr. Garden further examined

By Mr. Mitchell :—

1757. Look over these pay-sheets for November, 1871, and see how many axemen are there?—Four axemen.

1758. Was Paul Garnier ever on that work as an axeman and could he have been there without your knowledge?—He might have been for a day or so, but I do not know—I never saw him. Goodwin and Blanchard were on the work, but Mackintosh was not there to my knowledge.

1759. Who is it that has signed Paul Garnier's name?—Looks like Mr. Fitzgerald's writing.

1760. How much was paid to each that month?—\$32 each.

1761. State what were the duties of an axeman, and have they any duties off the section?—They had no duties off the section; on the section their duties are to make stakes and attend upon the engineer laying out the work and about the shanties.

1762. Had Mr. Fitzgerald performed any duties on the section that required one, two, three or four axemen?—He never did any instrumental work on the section that required an axeman.

By Mr. Scatcherd :—

1763. Did you ever see Paul Garnier working on the section?—He may have been with Mr. Nicholson for a short time, but not employed steadily.

By Mr. Mitchell :—

1764. If Mr. Nicholson was entitled to one axeman and you to another, would Mr. Fitzgerald be entitled to one?—I don't know.

1765. There are five axemen on the December list; you had one of them, Mr. Nicholson had another, what became of the remaining three?—I don't know. I have never seen them on the section.

1766. How many axemen are there in the February list of 1872?—Four axemen.

1767. You say there are four names on that list; do you know any of them?—I know two of them; two of them I never saw on the section.

1768. Are you satisfied the whole of these axemen were not employed on the section?—I do not think they were.

1769. Will you tell us whether you ordered any of these men to be paid who did not actually do the work?—I ordered none but my own.

1770. Who ordered them to be paid?—The list is certified by Mr. Fitzgerald and drawn out by the paymaster. The list does not go through my hands.

By Mr. Archibald :—

1771. Can you tell where the paymaster gets his information from to make up this list?—I suppose this is furnished by the members of the staff to the paymaster. Each engineer on the section is allowed one axeman, as is the rod-man, there being one on each sub-division of the section. There are two sub-divisions on this section.

1772. Do you know whether the paymaster requires the certificate of the Divisional Engineer before paying?—I have always understood they have required to be certified by him.

1773. Look at the pay-list for April, 1872, and state how many axemen there are?—Four axemen returned and certified by Mr. Fitzgerald. One only of which I have seen doing an axeman's work on the section that month.

1774. Do you know Samuel Roy?—I do not.

1775. Do you know of any person Mr. Fitzgerald drew pay for under the name of Samuel Roy?—I do not.

1776. How many axemen are there in the list for 1874?—Four.