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tor for the heating and ventilation; and although it was sufficiently known to the Officers of the Department of Public Works, no written order was ever delivered for it.

169. What was the value per foot of the cut stone used in these works?—There are two or three different qualities of work in the ducts and drains. Some portions would be about 20 to 25 cents per foot, while other portions would be worth fifty per cent. more; and the arch work would be from three to four hundred per cent. higher than the lowest class.

170. What is the usual mode of measurement for such work?—The measurement is made on the face.

171. From whom did you receive your instructions? Was it from the Department, or from the Architects, or both?—I was requested by the Department of Public Works to take my directions entirely from the Architects.

172. Did you receive any directions from Officers of the Department which did not pass officially through the Secretary? If so, from whom, and what was their purport?—I do not recollect having received any such instructions from Officers of the Department having reference to the Buildings.

173. Did you always communicate officially with the Department?—I was not allowed to do so on any questions connected with the building, except a few questions which were specially referred to me to report upon; and my reports are in the hands of the Officers of the Department.

174. Did you receive special orders about the measurement of extra work? If so, what were they?—No, I never received any special orders on the subject.

175. Did you keep an accurate account of the measurements of such work? If so, can you now give a comparative statement of the real and measured quantities?—I kept accounts of all measurements of the works, which are in the hands of the Department; but owing to the rapid progress of the works, only approximate measurements were made during the first year, it having been my intention during the winter to complete them, and furnish plans and sections explanatory and in proof thereof. This was in progress before Mr. Page received his instructions to make his first investigation.

176. Did you state your opinion officially or otherwise to the Architects or other Officers, as to the prices deemed by you to be just for such work? If so, state your opinion; and did they ever fix prices without consulting you?—Only on one occasion, when I was requested to report to the Department (see report.) I had very often conversations (which I did not consider official) with the Architects upon prices; but the prices were invariably fixed by them.

177. Did you make the monthly estimates and certify to their correctness? If so, what induced you to certify to them?—Through my