

**Transportation
of Rails, B.C.—
Contract No. 39.**

14221. Can you give me the quantity of rails which were moved before the stoppage of the work in round numbers?—About 3,500 tons.

14222. Was this part of the quantity which had been conveyed there by Anderson, Anderson & Co.?—Yes.

15223. Do you know whether any other quantity had been conveyed at that time, except by Anderson, Anderson & Co.?—There had been none.

14224. Do you know whether this transportation was paid for by the short ton or the long ton?—By the short ton. Work paid for by short ton.

14225. Do you know whether all the tenders were based upon the long ton, or was it an open question to be settled afterwards by negotiation?—I have not got the original tenders.

14226. Have you had them in your Department?—No; they were retained in British Columbia.

14227. Have you a copy of the agreement with Irving?—Yes; I produce it. (Exhibit No. 178).

14228. Attached to the written part of this document I notice two printed papers, one headed specifications and the other appearing to be a blank printed contract which is afterwards filled up, concerning this transaction, and in this last mentioned blank the words "per ton of 2,000 lbs." are inserted originally and printed, does that help you to say whether the tenders were all based upon that item at that weight?—I cannot say, for, as I have already stated, I have not the original tender.

14229. Do you know whether these printed forms were made in British Columbia or Ontario?—My impression is that they were made at British Columbia.

14230. Do you know whether they were made upon any drafts furnished from your Department?—I do not think they were.

14231. Do you remember whether the subject of the weight of the ton was considered in any way before instructions were given to Robson to procure tenders, or was it left entirely to him to ask for tenders upon such conditions as he thought proper, as far as that weight is concerned?—There is nothing on the subject contained in the instructions to Robson by the Secretary of the Department, and I have no further knowledge on the subject. Nothing to show whether the subject of weight of ton was considered or not.

14232. Was there anything further about this contract which you think requires explanation?—No.

14233. What is the next contract which we have not investigated?—Contract 5th, it is for the supply of railway spikes; the contract is with Miller Bros. & Mitchell, it is dated 4th September, 1879. **Railway
Spikes—
Contract No. 50.**

14234. Was it let by public competition?—Yes. Let by public competition.

14235. Have you a copy of the advertisement and any report upon the tenders?—Yes; I produce it. (Exhibit No. 179.)

14236. Was the contract made upon the lowest tender?—Yes. Contract based on lowest tender.

14237. The advertisement names no place for the delivery; how was that arranged: was it mentioned in the specifications furnished to