

**Tendering—
Contract No. 61,
B.C.**

Hon. Wm. Macdougall used no influence for witness and was wholly unacquainted with his tenders.

13965. Has he exercised any influence, as far as you know, in his capacity as Member of Parliament on account of your claim, or in any other of those matters that you have been speaking of?—Never to my knowledge.

13966. *Hon. Mr. Macdougall* :—I would wish to get his answer more distinct with regard to the British Columbia matter, that really I was not in his secrets at all, although I was his attorney and adviser on the other matter.

13967. *The Chairman (to witness)* :—Was Mr. Macdougall aware of your doings in connection with the British Columbia tenders?—He knew nothing about our tender. I suppose he knew, perhaps, that we were going to bid. He knew I was here for that purpose, but he had no knowledge whatever of the transactions between Goodwin, Ryan, myself and the Government.

13968. Did he take any part in assisting you in your tender either generally or particularly?—He did not.

13969. Did you say there was nothing else that you could give by way of evidence?—There is nothing else that I think of.

13970. *The Chairman* :—Before adjourning I wish to say that on Friday last the hearing of evidence was then formally postponed until Monday morning; but inasmuch as the witness just examined appeared in the city, and wished to go away this evening, we thought it better to hear him to day, rather than to ask him to wait until Monday, particularly as we were not sure of our power to detain him.

OTTAWA, Monday, 8th November, 1880.

TRUDEAU.

TOUSSAINT TRUDEAU's examination continued :

**Transportation
of rails—
Contract No. 34.**

By the Chairman :—

13971. Have you the papers now concerning contract 34, so as to give as any explanation of it?—Yes.

13972. What is the subject of the contract?—It is the transportation of rails, fish-plates and bolts from Kingston to St. Boniface.

13973. Was it let by public competition?—Yes.

13974. Have you the advertisement and any report upon the tenders?—Yes; I produce it. (Exhibit No. 154.)

13975. Have you the contract or a copy of it?—Yes; I produce it. (Exhibit No. 155.)

13976. There appears to be a change in the form of advertisement asking for tenders: can you explain that and the reason of it?—In the first advertisement dated 24th February, 1878, the time of delivery in Winnipeg was fixed at the 15th July. This advertisement was cancelled and replaced by another in March, fixing the time of delivery for the 2,500 tons by the 1st of August, and the balance on the 15th September, 1878.

13977. The time for receiving tenders was not altered by this change of advertisement was it?—No.

Let by public competition.