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"So far as you settling the contract with Clarke, in spite of opposition of the public works department, you know nothing?"

"I certainly did not see me in that regard," asked the witness.

"And so far as you are concerned the specifications came to you in completed form for adoption?"

"Yes," he answered.

"And the substitution of the specifications were not by your intervention?"

"Certainly not."

Stocks Said \$20,000 Reasonable.
In answer to Mr. Bennett, the attorney general again asserted that at the meeting of November 14th John Stocks had said, in answer to a question asked by him, that \$20,000 a mile was a reasonable guarantee.

"I see in one of the documents of the public works department a memo with reference to labor clauses, similar to the resolution brought down by the House by O'Brien. Had you anything to do with that?" asked the counsel.

"I certainly take credit for the labor clauses in the agreement, but I had nothing to do with the O'Brien resolution."

"Mr. Butlerford says that the meeting in Calgary in July, 1907, was called at your instance?"

"If he says that, it is doubtful correct. I do not recall him saying that Clarke and Bowen wanted to meet the cabinet."

"Are you sure Cushing and Finlay were at that meeting?"

"Yes, I am."

"Had you any arrangement with Clarke as to that meeting?"

"No, certainly not."

"And when Minny wires we are going to get what we want, but not till after the meeting, you can give no explanation?"

"He had no assurance from the government."

Why Only \$50,000 Paid Up.
"Can you say why this company were only supplied with \$50,000 paid up capital, when the railway was called for \$75,000?"

"I don't think the difference in the paid-up capital affected the provincial interests."

"Well, that is a question of opinion," remarked Mr. Bennett.

"I have yet to be shown that it does," retorted the attorney general.

Mr. Cross said he had great faith in the country round Fort McMurray, because he had seen many samples of coal oil, asphaltum, and copper from there, and Mr. Gordon, an old settler, had told him of the timber resources. He had always been interested in this country and had many clients there whom he always consulted as to the resources of this country.

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"No, I did not."

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"No."

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