

**Railway Construction—
Contract No. 5.**

811. Can you explain why it was got, if not absolutely necessary?—No.

Order-in-Council produced.

812. Will you produce the Order or a copy of it?—I now produce the original. (Exhibit No. 16.)

813. Can you now tell the date of the advertisement asking for these tenders?—The advertisement says "tenders will be received up to noon of the 25th of August."

814. Has this contract been fulfilled by this contractor?—I think that would be a proper question to put to the engineers.

815. You are not prepared to give an answer?—No

816. Are you aware whether there has been any dispute between the Government on the one side and the contractor on the other, on the subject of this contract?—I am not prepared to go beyond the letting of the contract.

817. Can you say whether there has been any dispute or not?—I must refer to the books of the office before answering that question.

818. Is there any other evidence connected with this contract that you think it proper to give us now—I mean which we are not likely to obtain better from the engineers?—No; I have no desire to make any other statement.

819. Do you think that the other requisite evidence can be better obtained from the engineers?—Yes.

**Telegraph.
Contract No. 1.**

Wednesday, 18th August, 1880.

TOUSSAINT TRUDEAU's examination continued :

By the Chairman :—

**Copy of Sifton,
Glass & Co's. letter
of the 14th
Oct.**

820. Will you produce the letter from Mr. Fleming to Sifton, Glass & Co., of the 14th October, or a copy of it?—I now produce a copy of it. (Exhibit No. 17.)

**Fleming's report
of same date.**

821. Will you produce the report, of about the same date, of Mr. Fleming's, or a copy of it?—I now produce a copy of it. (Exhibit No. 18.)

822. Yesterday you said that you would search for the correspondence about operating section one of the telegraph line?—I have not had time to complete the search.

823. Have you any statement showing the annual expenditure on this section?—We are now preparing a statement.

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**Description in
specification of
work in Con. 15.**

824. Speaking of contract No. 5 with Mr. Whitehead, I notice that the specifications describe the work to be divided into two sections, the southern section being through townships 2, 3, 4 and 5, about 24 miles, and the central section through townships 6, 7, 8 and 9, about 24 miles, which would make 48 miles; but the contract appears to be let for about 63 miles. What does this mean?—The length of line is not given in the contract.