

thing together and fixed prices covering everything. I allowed in my prices for the use of plant and false work.

*By Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper :*

Q. The sheds?—A. Yes.

*By Mr. Moncrieff :*

Q. Was that in excess of the 500,000 feet you mentioned?—A. I have allowed for them in my prices. I suppose it would be in excess of the quantity.

Q. All in excess of the quantity you found on the ground at present. And the fact was that this was a pretty trying time to do this work?—A. Yes, it was a severe winter.

Q. Men would not begin to do nearly as good work as they would in summer weather or nearly as fast. They would not do so much work?—A. I am not prepared to say whether they would or not.

Q. Do you mean to say that men in that weather could do as good a day's work as in nice pleasant weather?—A. That is a matter of estimation and opinion.

Q. I only want your own idea?—A. I should think they would work better as far as I am concerned.

Q. That is an answer to the question. Did you make allowance in your estimate for the inclemency of the weather?—A. Yes, we made our prices considering the season of the year.

Q. For the ice and snow and the difficulty of working. Did you take into consideration at all the fact that this work had to be done and completed by the first of May?—A. Yes, we took all the circumstances.

Q. I suppose it was hurried very much, wasn't it?—A. So I am told. They state they took 47 days to do all the work.

Q. I suppose to do the work so hurriedly, as this had to be done, it would naturally cost more than if there was plenty of time?—A. Yes, that is why we let our prices at a little higher than the usual prices.

Q. You think you have made allowance for all that?—A. I think so; yes.

Q. You told us awhile ago that the estimates that you made were entirely from that plan, and the figures that were marked upon it?—A. Yes.

Q. I also understood you to say that the individuals who were on the ground would be in a better position to say what quantity of work was really done than you would be able to say looking on the plan?—A. Yes.

Q. And if that exceeded your estimate you would be willing to concede that they might be more apt to be correct than yourself?—A. Yes.

Q. You would be satisfied their figures would be more apt to be correct?—A. I would say more apt than we. They were on the construction and we were only on the plans.

*By Mr. Mulock :*

Q. Do you mean the construction of false works?—A. For the quantities they had a better opportunity of knowing the amount.

*By Mr. Gibson :*

Q. From the measures you took from the plans and those made by the commissioners—they were very nearly alike?—A. Very nearly alike.

Q. No substantial difference?—A. No.

Q. You don't know whether they carried out the work according to the plans? is there any difficulty in measuring the quantities from the plans?—A. No, the figures are there.

*By Mr. Haggart :*

Q. In your evidence of these quantities, did you calculate the net quantity as on the plan?—A. We have calculated the net quantities.