

(3687) what portion of the wall do you embrace ; how much bed do you allow ?—As I have stated in reply to a former question, I was furnished with the quantities by the measurers, to whom I beg to refer on this point. Honorable H.
H. Killally.
17th May, 1862

39. Is your allowance per superficial foot for cut ashlar in boiler house made upon these same block stone, and is it in addition to the price of \$8 per cubic yard ?—Yes. The price allowed for boiler house face stone was originally 90 cts. per foot ; this was altered by Mr. Page, part to 72 cts. and part to 90 cts. I reduced the price to 40 cents per foot, but I allowed one bed and joint, which brings the price up to about 80 cts. per foot.

40. Was the filling, for which you have allowed 75 cts., obtained from the earth excavation, for which you have allowed 55 cts., the hard pan or the rock ?—Partly from each ; chiefly from hard pan, as far as I could ascertain. I believe this is one of the worst paying items of the entire. See Blue Book, page 303.

41. You have allowed for excavation and filling under the contract about \$4,390, and as extra work, you have allowed on the same items about \$209,000. Do you consider the contract called for no more ? Do you think the excavation and filling cost \$100,000 or \$150,000 ?—I consider it did not, as may be seen by inspection of the contract plans, on which the level of foundation intended at the time of the contract being entered into is shown. I have returned no amount, but such as I consider justified by rate and measurements.

42. What is the excess allowed by you over that allowed by Mr. Page ?—To answer this question accurately, would require considerable time, as I would have to go into great detail. I would have to calculate and take from my estimates the various items not embraced in Mr. Page's estimates, and in truth the two estimates cannot properly be contrasted at all, as must appear from my answers to questions 10 and 13, put by the Hon. Mr. Ross. My estimate was prepared as a final one, Mr. Page's a progress one, and his prices progress prices, and in his, materials were all classed under the head of contract work.

43. How could Mr. Page have under estimated the work to that extent ?—This is answered in the foregoing.

44. Do you consider him competent to make such an estimate ?—I consider Mr. Page very capable of estimating. Had I been of a different opinion, I certainly would not have been the party on whose recommendation he holds his present situation, and I have had no occasion to regret that recommendation, although, at the time, I was in consequence of it, subjected to the charge of lowering the profession.

45. Had he as much time at his disposal as you had, or what were the advantages enjoyed by you for a more correct estimate ?—Mr. Page remained in Ottawa much longer than I did ; but the period of my presence there was ample to enable me to fully judge and form my opinion of the character and value of the works.

[To Hon. Mr. Seymour.]