

*Draft of the Second Report of the Committee on Railroads, Canals,
and Telegraph Lines.*

**The Select Standing Committee on RAILROADS, CANALS, AND
TELEGRAPH LINES, beg leave to present the following as their
SECOND REPORT :**

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, and have had before them the various contracts for the performance of the work, and also the Amalgamation Agreement between the several Companies forming part of the Grand Trunk Line: they are of opinion that it would not be proper to have these documents printed for public circulation, but they have called on the Managing Director of the Company, Sir Cusack P. Roney, to give evidence on the contents of these several documents, which evidence is submitted with this Report. They have agreed to several amendments to the Bill, which they have the honor to report for the consideration of your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also had under consideration, the Petition of Thomas C. Keefer, Esq., Civil Engineer, praying that he may obtain legal recourse against the Grand Trunk Railroad Company, for certain alleged claims against Companies previously formed for the construction of portions of the Line now occupied by the Grand Trunk Company. Your Committee have ascertained that Mr. Keefer's claim is for services performed in the survey of a Bridge across the St. Lawrence, and that no Company was authorized to construct such a work prior to the passing of the Act 16 Vic., chap. 75, by which the Grand Trunk Railroad Company was empowered to do so. Your Committee have, however, ascertained that the Company have always professed a readiness to pay Mr. Keefer for any services of his of which their Engineers have availed themselves.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EVIDENCE.

Of Sir Cusack Roney, Kt., in reference to the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

RAILWAY COMMITTEE ROOM,

3rd. November, 1854.

Sir Cusack Roney, Kt., Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company of Canada, called in and examined :

1. Have you a copy of the amalgamation agreement of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company?—I have.
2. Does it contain the contracts with the English and Canadian Contractors for the several sections of the Railroad?—It does.
3. How many sections are there referred to in the agreement that have reference to contracts? Describe them?—There are four sections, one from Quebec