

him of about \$117.00; this can be accounted for by the facts that his funeral expenses, amounting to \$100.00 have been placed to his debit, and also a sum of \$45.00, being a payment on power of attorney to one of the men, which was not deducted from the man by Mr. Price when settling with him subsequently, owing to the entry in Mr. Robson's book not being sufficiently explicit for a stranger to understand; although, no doubt, it would have been clear to him had he lived to settle matters himself.

I would therefore respectfully recommend, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case, that these two sums, amounting to \$145.00, be placed to his credit, leaving the balance in his favor \$28.00.

Since his death, the sum of \$200.00 has been advanced to his family, in anticipation of the usual grant being made to them by Government.

The second commissariat officer, whose death I regret to have to record, was Mr. Nathan. L. Price, late of Grand Falls, New Brunswick, where his family still reside. He, also, has been employed in the same capacity, since the commencement of this work in 1871.

His duties were, to receive the supplies for Division M, at Prince Arthur's Landing, Thunder Bay, Lake Superior, and superintend the forwarding of them to the Main depot of the Division, in the interior of the country, a distance of over 100 miles; also their distribution to various other depots along the route to be explored. Having performed this difficult service in a most satisfactory manner, he came to Red Rock and, after the departure of Mr. Robson as already described, took charge of affairs at that point; assisting in closing the accounts and paying off the men, upon the completion of the season's work. After the departure of most of the parties from Red Rock, on their way home, he arranged and took stock of all the Government stores, leaving them in good order for next season's operations.

He then returned with me to Ottawa, and while engaged in closing his own and Mr. Robson's accounts, was taken ill very suddenly and died in a few days of Hemorrhagic scurvy; which the doctor who attended him stated was brought on by hardships and exposure while out in the woods.

His accounts were all closed in a most satisfactory manner, and the time of his death there was a balance due to him on account of salary of \$327.00, as near as can be remembered.

But of this balance the sum of \$200.00 has been sent to his wife since his death, and his board bill in Ottawa, \$23.00 has also been paid.

Besides these, there is a bill for medical attendance during his last illness of \$20.00 and funeral expenses \$53.00. Total \$73.00 charged against him.

These two last items, I would respectfully recommend, as I have also done in the case of Mr. Robson, should be placed to his credit. I cannot close this report without expressing my sincere sympathy with the families of these two officers in their sad bereavement. I take the same opportunity to state that, from the day they joined the service until the date of their respective deaths, they fulfilled the very arduous duties entrusted to them in a most trustworthy and satisfactory manner, which duties were of such a peculiar character that it will be difficult to find others to discharge them.

I remain Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

JAMES H. ROWAN.