

1540. What portion of that claim would \$5,000 be?—I cannot tell, unless I had the returns here. I may further state that an examination of the returns given by Mr. Garden, and those sent by Mr. Fitzgerald to Mr. Light, will show that these excesses were made, and the Committee will see that it could not be for love of me.

*By Mr. Mitchell :—*

1541. Did you conceive that you were asking any more than what was right?—I never did. I have not got my rights.

1542. Mr. Fitzgerald stated you once offered him an interest in the work?—I have no recollection of it.

1543. Do you think he would have refused it?—I think he would only have been too glad to have accepted it.

The Sub-Committee then adjourned.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
TUESDAY, 19th May, 1874.

Sub-Committee met.

Messrs. Fleming, McLelan, Buck, Garden, Hazlewood, Gough, Light, Fitzgerald, Brydges, and Jones were in attendance.

Mr. J. C. Gough further examined

*By Mr. Mitchell :—*

1544. In relation to statements made by Mr. Fitzgerald, about what he calls false returns made up by Mr. Buck, have you seen those statements in this printed evidence?—I have.

1545. I refer particularly to the excavations, in which rock was shewn on the profile, and it turned out that there was no rock, or but little rock. Do you question that?—During Mr. Buck's charge of the section, in the absence of Mr. Fitzgerald, the two cuttings on each rock so indicated were finished. There had been rock found in these cuttings, but not of a solid nature, not sufficiently solid to justify the Assistant-Engineer in calling it rock. It was really rock, but not solid rock, and cost us a great deal more to excavate it than ordinary earth-work. Mr. Buck so considered it, and made a return accordingly. It is not worthy of being termed a "false" return.

Mr. C. J. Brydges was then called and examined

*By Mr. Mills :—*

1546. You are one of the Commissioners on the Intercolonial Railway?—I am.

1547. When were you appointed?—At the commencement of the work, in December, 1868.

1548. Had the line upon which the road was to be constructed been located before the appointment of a Commission?—Not finally located.

1549. What were the duties assigned to the Commissioners?—There were no special duties other than those mentioned in the Act of Parliament.

1550. Was the Chief Engineer under the control of the Commissioners?—By the Act I should say not. He is left to the exercise of his own judgment. I should say his was an independent position.

1551. The Chief Engineer has stated that all the Divisional Engineers were appointed by the Commissioners?—Under the Act the appointment of Engineers was delegated to the Commissioners, but the District Engineers, I believe, with the exception of Mr. Light, had been on the work before.

1552. During the progress of construction, would those Engineers be responsible, personally, to the Commissioners, or the Chief Engineer?—To the Chief Engineer.

1553. Had the Commissioners any power to instruct the Divisional Engineers or District Engineers as to what was to be done?—All matters of this sort had to go from the Commissioners through the Chief Engineer. All orders went through him.

1554. Did you approve of the mode of constructing by bulk sum contracts?—I did.