

**Railway Construction—  
Contract No. 33.**  
Done by day's work.

913. Do you know whether it is done by day's work or any subsequent contract?—It is not done under a subsequent contract; it is done under day's work.

Final estimate of quantities executed up to the taking of contract out of contractor's hands being prepared.

914. Do you know whether a final estimate of the executed quantities was made up to the time of taking the contract out of their hands?—The final estimate is not yet made.

915. Has it been ordered to be made?—Yes; it is being prepared by the engineers, but it is not completed yet.

916. Will these documents to which you have referred give the time at which the work was taken out of the hands of the contractors, or do you know now?—They will.

917. Is there any other information which you can give now about this particular contract?—No.

**Railway Ties—  
Contract No. 36.**

918. Was there any other contract entered into in connection with the Pembina Branch, and if so, what is the number of the contract?—Yes; No. 36, for the supply of railway ties.

919. Who is the contractor?—William Robinson.

William Robinson, contractor.

920. What is the date of the contract?—February 22nd, 1878.

Date, 22nd Feb., 1878.

921. Was this submitted to public competition?—Yes.

Submitted to public competition.

922. Have you the advertisement asking for tenders?—No, not here.

923. Can you produce it afterwards?—I am not sure whether we can. It was advertised in Manitoba only.

But advertised only in Manitoba

924. Have you the tenders which were made?—I have a list of the tenders.

925. Who opened the tenders? Was it in your Department or somewhere else?—The tenders were opened at Winnipeg.

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926. Who had charge of that matter?—Here is a report from Mr. Thomas Nixon, explaining what was done.

Report from Nixon explaining what was done.

927. Is that the best evidence that you have about that matter in your control?—I now produce the best information that I can lay before the Commission. (Exhibit No. 29.)

928. This report from Mr. Nixon is addressed to Mr. Braun, Secretary of your Department, and refers to other letters and documents, have you control of them? For instance, he speaks of Mr. Martin's letter respecting which he had telegraphed Mr. Braun, and also of a letter to Charles Augustus Nolin; he also refers to a telegram of the 19th of February to Mr. Braun and to a message from Mr. Braun of the 20th?—Yes; I can produce those at some other time. I have not got them here.

Documents referred to in Nixon's report to be produced.

929. In what capacity was Mr. Nixon employed by your Department?—As paymaster.

Nixon paymaster

930. Where did he live?—He dates his letter from Winnipeg.

931. Did he live there, as far as you know?—I don't know where he lived; he lived in Manitoba somewhere.