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In addition to the denial of the Grand Trunk Pacific

Officers that they had ever authorised anyone to enter into any contract or agreement with any company for the importation of

~~foreign labour~~ It was shown ~~very clearly~~ that several attempts had

been made ~~by them~~ both by the Nippon Supply Company and other persons

to secure ~~such~~ contracts from the Grand Trunk Pacific, <sup>for the supply of labour</sup> all of which

*on the work of construction but that all had failed as already*  
~~had failed~~. Mr. Gotoh admitted quite frankly that he had understood <sup>mentioned</sup>

Mr. Russell's letter was not an agreement or an undertaking, but that

he had tried to make use of it in Japan to convey the impression

that it was a genuine agreement, in order that he might be the better

able to secure the labour which he desired from that country. The

Japanese Government, however, had made independent enquiries through

its consul, Mr. Morikawa at Vancouver and had found out that no such

contract was in existence. As late as July of the present year,

the Foreign Office appears to have given public notice to the effect

that no contract of the kind existed. Mr. Boulton the treasurer of the

Nippon Supply Company <sup>corroborated what</sup> ~~stated that he had approached Mr. Michell~~

*had said as to his having been approached in the*  
in ..... with a view to seeing if the Nippon Supply Company  
*handles by Mr. Boulton on behalf of the*

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