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## REPORT.

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The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to make their

### SIXTH REPORT.

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Your Committee have procured from the Intercolonial Railway Commission information in relation to certain disputed claims of contractors, and have taken evidence thereon which they beg leave to report for the information of Your Honorable House.

The whole, nevertheless, humbly submitted.

F. HINCKS,  
Chairman *pro tem.*

Tuesday, 10th June, 1872.

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### EVIDENCE.

The Committee met to-day, June 10th, at 10 o'clock,—*Mr. Gibbs*, in the Chair.

*Mr. A. Walsh*, M.P., was present, and being asked by *Mr. Holton* to submit the names of the contractors, with their sureties, on the Restigouche District of the Intercolonial Railway, presented the names of the contractors as follows:—

Section No. 17.....	S. P. Tuck, of St. John, N.B.
“ “ 18.....	R. H. McGreevy, of Ottawa.
“ “ 19.....	Boggs & Co., of Halifax.
“ “ 3 and 6.....	F. X. Berlinquet, of Quebec.
“ “ 9 and 15.....	J. B. Bertrand, of Quebec.

*Mr. Walsh* submitted the names of the sureties, as follows:—

Section No. 17.....	W. F. Harrison and Thomas M. Reid.
“ “ 18.....	Timothy Kavanagh and Edward McGillivray.
“ “ 19.....	Charles Graham and C. Sutherland.
“ “ 3 and 6.....	Dunn and Holmes.
“ “ 9 and 15.....	Glover & Fry.

In reply to a question by *Mr. Holton*,

*Mr. Walsh*, said—There are no records of the controversy between *Mr. Marcus Smith*, and the contractors. Contractors complained that the engineer over-estimated the amount of work remaining to be completed, and claimed that a re-measurement would show that they were entitled to more money than they had received. They also complained that *Mr. Smith* was possessed of an exceedingly irritable temper, and an unpleasant state of relations between him and the contractors had existed in consequence. The contractors laid greater stress on the latter cause of complaint than on the former.

*Mr. Holton*—Well, *Mr. Walsh*, you say that these gentlemen claimed a re-measurement of the work. Was such a re-measurement ordered by the Commissioners, or has it since been ordered?

*Mr. Walsh*—They claimed a re-measurement of the work. After a good deal of discussion and consideration the Commissioners decided, under the advice of *Mr. Fleming*,