

Red Pine, also box 1,763, 2ft. 6in. x 2ft. 6in.; at 1,750 has been built 2ft. 6in. x 4ft.; 1,574, 4ft. x 5ft. box. All these changes were being made before the contract was taken from the contractors.

1851. Who ordered you to do it?—I received no order, but told the contractors to build it according to profile, and he said he would not. Mr. Fitzgerald was aware that the structures were being built on a reduced scale. I did not allow them to be built. I returned the actual quantities built.

1852. I understood you to say that Mr. McDonell is finishing the works as Mr. Gough proposed to finish it?—He is. There were two structures which are finished on that plan, which were not commenced when the contract was taken from Mr. Gough.

1853. *Mr. Fleming.*—If the work is being finished up on a reduced scale beyond what I had assented to as stated above, the statement I have given above cannot be considered strictly accurate.

The reduction referred to is something quite new to me. I shall take immediate steps to prevent it being carried out or relieve myself from all responsibility. My opinion is it will degrade the character of the line. The reductions sanctioned by me were the maximum reductions I thought could be made, and was sanctioned provisionally. I reserve to myself the right to restore any of the structures struck out that circumstances might seem to require.

The Sub-Committee then adjourned.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
FRIDAY, 22nd May, 1874.

Sub-Committee met.

Mr. Scatcherd in the Chair.

The report prepared by the Sub-Committee, to be presented to the Standing Committee, was read and concurred in,—Hon. Mr. Mitchell dissenting.

The Sub-Committee then adjourned.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE ROOM,
HOUSE OF COMMONS,
FRIDAY, 22nd May, 1874.

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts met.

Mr. Young in the Chair.

Mr. Scatcherd presented the report of the Sub-Committee, to whom was referred all matters connected with Section 16, Intercolonial Railway.

On motion of Mr. Scatcherd, the said report was concurred in, and ordered to be reported to the House, with the evidence taken.

Mr. Mills explained that the report was the conjoint opinion of four members of the Sub-Committee,—Mr. Mitchell dissenting.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell presented a minority report, opposed by the other members of the Sub-Committee, in reference to Section 16, Intercolonial Railway, which was ordered to be attached to the report.

The Committee then adjourned.