

Sworn on the day and year first above written, and acknowledged before me this thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

E. SHORT, J. S. C.

Statement showing cost of building such a Station as that at the Village of Lennoxville on the Grand Trunk Railway, in accordance with the specification for that structure.

60 cubic yds Stone foundation, @ \$2 50	\$150 00
284 feet Sills, @ 10 cts.	28 40
12 Posts 17 X 6 X 9, 204 ft B. m., @ \$6,	12 30
30 Studs, 17 X 4 X 6—850 " @ \$6,	5 20
Boarding main building, 6320 feet, @ \$6,	42 60
do Verandah, 6024 " @ \$6,	48 20
do Roof, 1456 " @ \$6,	8 70
Rafters, 36 X 30 X 9, 1620 " @ \$6,	9 70
4000 feet B. m. Beams, @ \$6,	32 00
900 feet Planks, @ 5 cts.	10 00
2000 feet Flooring, @ \$6,	16 00
8 Windows, @ \$12,	96 00
4 Doors, @ \$8,	32 00
Lathing, Plastering and Painting,	300 00
10 Verandah Posts, 100 feet, @ 5 cents,	5 00
14000 Shingles, @ \$2,	28 00
300 lbs board and shingle Nails, @ \$5,	15 00
Chimney,	16 00
Locks, Batts and Screws,	9 00
Labor,	400 00
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D. STARK.

MERRITT GORDON, of the Town of Sherbrooke, in the District of St. Francis, being duly sworn saith :
I know the parties in this cause, I am not related, allied, or of kin to any or either of them, in their service, nor interested in the event of this suit. I am a carpenter by trade, and I am now contractor, building bridges for the Grand Trunk Railway, during the winter of 1851, and the summer of 1852. I remember well I began, the year the cars run out of Richmond, to build some Way and Water Stations at Upton and Acton for the then St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway Company, on the line now occupied by the defendants.

The only difference between the Way Stations I built there, and the manner in which they are built, is that there was no verandah on the back of the Way Stations I built, as there is at Lennoxville, but at the back of those I built there were privies instead of the verandah, and there are no privies at the station in Lennoxville. I think it would cost two pounds more to build the verandah as at Lennoxville, than to build the privies as I did at Upton and Acton.

Question.—What would it cost to have built, in the year of 1852 at Lennoxville, a Way Station such as you built the year previous at Upton and Acton, and such a one as is actually built at Lennoxville, without including any profits to the contractor?

Answer.—It is a hard question to answer at that time, but I could tell nearly the amount for the last two or three years, and during the year I built myself; according to the specification I built mine by, it would have cost two hundred and seventy-five pounds, that is the actual outlay. I could not say what it would cost as it is built at Lennoxville, because I have never seen it, that is because I have not seen the specification of it, but I have seen the building a thousand times.

Question.—What would it have cost to have built such a station as is actually built at Lennoxville at the time you built yours?

Answer.—That is a question I cannot answer, as I never saw the specifications.

Question.—From your knowledge of the building as actually erected, could it have been built without loss to the contractor, for the sum of two hundred and fifteen pounds?

Answer.—I do not think it could.

Question.—How much profit do contractors generally intend to put into their tenders when they give in their amount to perform certain works?

Answer.—I always consider about twenty or twenty-five per cent is what contractors put into their tenders, but I have sometimes made more, and sometimes I have made less.

Cross-Examined.—I think I paid in the year of 1851, twenty-two shillings and six pence a cwt., for nails. I should think for windows of that kind, that is, the glass, sash, painting, and glazing, would cost from three dollars and a half to four dollars each.

Question.—How many shingles would it take to cover the roof of that kind at Lennoxville, supposing the building to be twenty by fifty, allowing for the ordinary projection of the roof?

Answer.—I should think it would take about sixteen thousand of the short shingles, and about thirteen thousand of the long shingles.

The witness upon having heard the foregoing deposition read, he declares the same to contain the truth, persists therein and hath signed.

MERRITT GORDON.

Taken, sworn and acknowledged at Enquete sittings, this 13th day of March, 1856, before me.

E. SHORT, J. S. C.