

**Contract No. 4—
Telegraph.**

771. You say you did not enquire into it "very deeply;" did you enquire far enough to ascertain any reason?—I cannot give any reason. I do not know of any.

772. You did not ascertain any?—I did not.

773. You are not aware whether this is the same Sutton, as Sutton of the firm of Sutton & Thirtkell?—No.

Sutton & Thompson's tender is \$28,200 more than Sutton & Thirtkell's.

774. Have you noticed that the Sutton & Thompson tender is nearly \$30,000 more than Sutton & Thirtkell's?—Yes; the difference is \$28,200.

775. What is the price given under the contract as Sutton & Thompson's assignee, or rather to Oliver, Davidson & Co.?—\$590 per mile for woodland, and \$435 per mile for prairie.

776. Total for construction?—Total for construction and maintenance combined is \$243,150.

777. Will you produce the tender of Sutton, Thompson & Co.?—Yes. (Exhibit No. 13.)

No report of Engineer recommending this tender for acceptance.

No Order in Council.

778. Do you know of any report of the engineer recommending this tender for acceptance?—No.

779. Do you know whether there was any Order-in-Council directing it?—No; there was no Order in Council.

780. Are you aware of any other agreement with Oliver, Davidson & Co. about operating the line—so far we have spoken of construction and maintenance only?—I would like to refer to the books of the Department.

**Railway Construction—
Contract No. 5.**

Earth work of roadbed from St. Boniface to Pembina.

Joseph Whitehead, contractor.

Date, 30th Aug., 1874.

Tenders invited by advertisement

C. Peach lowest tenderer.

781. What is the subject of your next contract?—It was the earth-work of the railway roadbed from St. Boniface, opposite the City of Winnipeg, to a point on the international boundary line east of Pembina.

782. Who is the contractor?—Joseph Whitehead.

783. What is the date of the contract?—About the 30th of August, 1874.

784. Were tenders invited by advertisement for this work?—Yes.

785. Have you the advertisement or a copy of it?—I have not got the advertisement.

786. Can it be procured?—I daresay we can find it.

787. Have you the tenders which were received for this work?—Yes.

788. Which is the lowest?—The lowest is from C. Peach, Toronto.

789. Were any specifications furnished to persons tendering?—The form of tender says: "In accordance with specifications."

790. Have you any of these specifications or copies of them?—Yes; but not here. (Specifications ordered to be furnished.)

791. Were they prescribed by any general rule as to specifications? I have not got the specifications here, and I cannot answer.

792. What was the date of the advertisement?—I cannot say at present.