

Plaintiffs nevertheless succeeded in having the calculation revised and the amount increased to \$26,533.14, which, with costs and interest on costs, was paid in December, 1903. The total amounts secured by the defendants through the plaintiffs were therefore as follows:

Paid under the award	\$162,186 41	
Less proportion for subsequent work at former prices, say..	35,000 00	
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		\$127,186 41
Interest		26,533 14
One-half costs of arbitration		2,209 50
Interest on costs		159 20
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Total		\$156,088 25

The bill rendered covers about 110 folios, and if the charges were extended at from \$2 to \$5 per hour, as contended for by defendants, the total would probably not amount to more than about \$2,000. It does not seem to me, however, that this is necessarily the proper method of assessment, and I am further of opinion that an amount so arrived at would not, in the present case, be adequate remuneration. We are outside the region of tariffs. Any fixed charge per hour or per day would be purely arbitrary. If any analogy is to be drawn to tariff charges, the bulk of these services is in the nature of counsel work. Moreover, it is sworn that very many attendances on members and officials of the government, as well as on defendants, do not appear in the bill at all, and it is also sworn, and must indeed be obvious, that an immense amount of study of documents and figures was necessary to familiarize plaintiffs with the details of the case. It was even necessary for them to be thoroughly conversant with the details of the negotiations prior to the arbitration in order to meet the objections and smooth out the difficulties which were constantly arising. Then the personal equation counts for a great deal. Much persistence as well as tact and perseverance are necessary in order to carry a matter of this kind to a successful issue. Four Ottawa solicitors have been called as experts, and all swear that the charge of \$3,500 is a reasonable one, and that such services are usually paid for at from 2½ per cent. to 5 per cent. of the amount in question. Two of them suggest 2½ per cent. of the amount claimed, or 5 per cent. of the amount