

now engaged upon, according to the usages and customs in force in Ottawa. Hon. Joseph Cauchon.

I am further to request you to take special care with regard to the contract work that the pro rata rates allowed in the progress estimates, are in fair proportion to the bulk sum named in the Contract. 4th June, 1862.

I have also to instruct you to transmit in future the estimates direct to this office, as soon as they are prepared.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,)

T. TRUDEAU,
Secretary.

John Bowes, Esq., Measurer, Ottawa.

149. Did you observe that Mr. *Killaly* did not obey the instructions so given?—The answer to the last question comprises the answer to this question.

150. Are you able to state what means were used by Mr. *Killaly* to obtain correct measurements of the Works, and whether the Department had any reason to doubt the correctness of these estimates?—I am not; I was determined not to take the matter of the Ottawa Buildings into consideration before preparing a just, full and complete information, and before receiving the final report of Mr. *Killaly*. But this last report having reached the Department during the session, and being desirous of fulfilling the promises I had made to the House to lay the documents before it, I hastened to send them to the printer before I had even occasion to read them.

151. Did you not notice the large difference between Mr. *Page's* estimates for the completion of the buildings and Mr. *Killaly's* estimates?—I did, after the documents were printed.

152. What portion of the "extra works" were commenced at the time you assumed the duties of the Department?—This question can be better answered by referring to the books of the Department.

153. State what "additional work" has been ordered since Mr. *Rose* resigned the Commissionership of Public Works?—This question can be better answered by referring to the books of the Department.

154. What scale of prices was adopted by the Department for making out the progress estimates and the certificates for extra work?—The progress estimates were made previous to my entering office, on a scale furnished by the Architects and revised by the Officer of the Department.

155. Have you the details of Mr. *Page's* Report, shewing what scale of prices he adopted in making out his estimate?—I have not.

156. What reason do you assign for departing from the prices established by Mr. *Page*; in accordance with the instructions given him by the Department, on December 10th, 1860?—I have neither accepted nor rejected the prices established by Mr. *Page*, I only paid on account waiting for more complete information.