

## APPENDIX No. 5

Mr. S. R. Poulin, district engineer 'F', being sworn produced the following papers which were marked as exhibits:—

No. 41. Original estimate of the cost of District 'F' made by Major Hodgins.

No. 42. Estimate of cost of District 'F' made by resident and division engineers after Major Hodgins left.

No. 43. Revised estimate of Major Hodgins as to cost of District 'F'.

Major Hodgins being recalled produced exhibit

No. 44. Ledger containing figures shewing his original estimate of the cost of District 'F'.

Major Hodgins renewed his application for the payment of his counsel fees; consideration postponed till the next meeting of the committee.

Mr. Carvell moved that the taking of evidence be now closed and that the witnesses be discharged, and the question being put, the committee divided as follows:—

Yeas.—Messrs. Carvell and Macdonald.—2. Nays.—Messrs. Barker and Lennox.—2.

The chairman, Mr. Geoffrion, voted yea, and declared the motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Carvell.

The committee adjourned at 6.20 o'clock p.m., until Tuesday next at 8 o'clock p.m.

Attest,

WALTER TODD,  
Clerk.

VICTOR GEOFFRION,  
Chairman.

TUESDAY, June 23, 1908.

The committee met at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present.—Messrs Geoffrion (Chairman), Barker, Carvell, Lennox and Macdonald.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Major Hodgins asking to have certain corrections made to the evidence which he had given under cross-examination and which he would have made before the committee had he been re-examined.

*Resolved*, That as Major Hodgins had opportunity to make any corrections before the committee prior to his leaving, and did not do so, and as he was asked, before being discharged, if he had any statement to make, and answered in the negative, the committee are of the opinion that the corrections asked for in the letter ought not to be entered on the minutes.

The application of Major Hodgins to have his counsel fees paid by the House was considered, after some discussion it was

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the committee it is desirable that the government should pay proper and reasonable fees to the counsel representing the Trans-continental Railway Commissioners, and to the counsel representing Major Hodgins, before the committee in this case.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald, it was

*Ordered*, That the following persons brought to Ottawa for the purpose of giving evidence in this case, but not called by reason of the taking of evidence not being proceeded with, be paid the usual allowance made to witnesses before parliamentary committees, viz.:—Messrs. C. Le B. Miles, C.E., Woodstock, N.B.; A. P. Miller, C.E., Residency 25; E. R. Milledge, C.E., of Residency 29; G. L. Mattice, C.E., of Residency 27; H. Sunstrum, C.E., of Residency 28; M. C. McFarlane, C.E., Engineer Division No. 8; W. W. Bell, C.E., Residency 21; E. R. Blackwell, C.E., Residency 33; and George Scott, C.E., Residency 34.

The question of further procedure was discussed, at 9.30 p.m., the committee adjourned till Thursday next, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Attest,

WALTER TODD,  
Clerk.

VICTOR GEOFFRION,  
Chairman.