

quantities given. Tenders for these three sections were received on 5th April, 1869, and numbered 253 in all, viz:—

For Section No. 5, 83 tenders			
"	"	6, 86	"
"	"	7, 84	"
For Section No. 5, the tenders ranged from \$345,997 to 1,014,000			
"	"	6,	" 237,000 " 633,150
"	"	7,	" 333,600 " 1,008,000

After full consideration the Commissioners believed that the public interest required them to continue the policy which they had adopted at the previous letting, and after a most careful enquiry into the standing and position of the parties tendering, and the responsibility of the sureties offered, they decided to recommend the acceptance of the tenders of

Mr. E. Haycock, for Section No. 5, for	\$361,574
Mr. J. Jobin " " 6, "	241,500
Messrs. Sutton and Angus " 7, "	413,955

The Commissioners are bound to state that the information given to contractors for these Sections also, was not as full as could have been wished, but it was all that could be furnished at the time.

On 3rd August, 1869, five more Sections were advertised, viz:—

Section No. 8, in Quebec	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length
" " 9, " New Brunswick. 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	" "
" " 10, " Do	20 " "
" " 11, " Nova Scotia.....	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
" " 12, " Do	21 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "

in all 90 miles. With reference to these five Sections, the line had been cross-sectioned, and detailed information as to the quantities of different kinds of work to be executed was furnished to intending contractors.

Whilst, therefore, the contractors for the first seven sections had to make upon their own estimate of work to be done, the contractors for Sections No. 8 to 12, had the fullest possible information. In all future contracts the same complete information will be given.

On 18th October, 1869, tenders were received for Sections No. 8 to 12, viz:—

For Section No. 8, 53 tenders			
"	"	9, 35	"
"	"	10, 39	"
"	"	11, 40	"
"	"	12, 50	"

in all 217 tenders. They ranged as follows:—

For Section No. 8, from \$100,000 to \$268,644			
"	"	9, "	220,632 " 633,528
"	"	10, "	308,395 " 695,050
"	"	11, "	61,713 " 167,000
"	"	12, "	539,174 " 1,341,229

After very careful consideration and enquiry, the Contracts were awarded to the following parties viz:—

Section No. 8 to	Mr. Duncan Macdonald, for ...	\$100,000
" " 9 "	Messrs. J. B. Bertrand and Co. ...	354,897
" " 10 "	Messrs. McBean and Robinson ...	362,083
" " 11 "	Messrs Davis, Grant and Sutherland	61,713
" " 12 "	Messrs. Sumner and Somers ...	597,600