

Memorandum on the Higginson Claim

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The Higginson claim is in part explained in the printed correspondence attached hereto. The following additional explanations are submitted in further elucidation thereof, and in justification of the course followed by me.

It was originally arranged between the Home Government and the Governments of the several North American Provinces (vide despatches prior to 1863) that the Intercolonial Railway projected to extend from Quebec to Nova Scotia should be under the direction of three Engineers; one to represent the United Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada (now Ontario and Quebec), another to represent New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, another to represent Her Majesty's Home Government. When the time came for appointing the three Engineers, the selection made by the two Canadian Provinces fell upon myself. This was followed by New Brunswick and Nova Scotia making the same choice, and soon afterwards the Home Government appointed me likewise. Some years later when the several Provinces came to be united, the Federal Government affirmed the appointment. Thus I became the sole Engineer representing all the Governments