

38.—*Reservation.*

The Government reserves the right of accepting the best tender, whether the same be the lowest or not, also of rejecting all of the tenders should the interest of the Government require that course.

P. ALEX. PETERSON, *Chief Engineer.*

ENGINEER'S OFFICE, 16 St. James Street,
MONTREAL, 30th January, 1880.

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CUSTOM HOUSE, PORT OF WINNIPEG, 4th December, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 29th ult., No. 37, and herewith, as directed, transmit the only foreign invoice of iron bridges that has been entered at this port, from the 15th March, 1879, to the present date.

Two Canadian entries, Nos. 2,667 and 2,465 (copies of which were transmitted to Ottawa), of bridge material, incomplete portions of an order, the invoice of which has not yet been presented, addressed to the Canada Pacific Railway at Emerson, and were entered by Mr. T. J. Lynskey, Superintendent of the Pembina Branch of the C.P.R., and certified by him on the face of each entry that the "above material is of Canadian manufacture and for the use of the Dominion Government."

The enclosed invoice represents of iron bridge material by Job Abbott, Esq., President of the Toronto Bridge Company, Toronto, Ont., from Andrew Kroman, dated Superior Mills, Pittsburgh, Pa., 4th October, 1880, amounting to \$3,234.01.

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant,

G. B. SPENCER, *Collector.*

The Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa.

SUPERIOR MILLS, PITTSBURGH, PA., 4th October, 1880.

JOB ABBOTT, Esq.,

President Toronto Bridge Co., Toronto, Ont.,

Bought of ANDREW KROMAN.

				ft. in.		\$ cts.	\$ cts.
2-3	8	Steel E. B.....	5 × 0 $\frac{3}{4}$	17 0	2,120		
3-4	8	do	5 × 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	17 0	3,450		
4-5	16	do	5 × 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 0	5,070		
5-6	16	do	6 × 1	17 0	6,596		
6-7	16	do	6 × 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 0	7,620		
1-2	8	do	5 × 1	34 5·86	5,153		
1-3	8	do	5 × 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	45 4·34	7,566		
2-4	9	do	4 × 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 4·31	6,885		
3-5	8	do	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ × 1	45 4·34	4,746		
4-5	8	do	3 × 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 9	2,080		
5-6	8	do	3 × 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 7·34	1,897		
5-6	8	do	3 × 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 9	1,400		
6-7	8	do	3 × 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 7·34	1,335		
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Hauling to depôt at 75c. per 2,240.....							18 72
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Shipped *via* P. & S. E. R. R.

Canadian Pacific Railway—Account from Toronto Bridge Co., for Lake of Woods Bridges, in care of C. Schreiber, Chief Engineer, Emerson, Manitoba.