

I was particular to look into and see that no irregularity existed. In one case I found one of the men employed was interested in a job on the road. I pointed out the impropriety of anything of this kind, and I ordered that no one working for the Government should have any interest, direct or indirect, in the work they were carrying on; the man was shortly afterwards discharged.

I examined the items for supply sent in by the Hudson's Bay Company.

Everything in the settlements was at famine prices, what I bought from other parties was about the same price as was charged by the Hudson's Bay Company.

I objected to the prices charged, and to this day there is due twelve thousand dollars, which is more than enough to cover any difference.

The usual mode of payment was for the superintendent in transferring accounts to the Department, if they were satisfactory, to approve them, and recommend them for payment; if they were incomplete, he recommended them for examination, and for part payment on account.

Copies of two letters were here produced, marked B. & C., and are as follows:—

(Copy.) (B.) OTTAWA, 16th December, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose herewith a general statement of payments made on account of work in progress on the Fort Garry section of the Red River roads, by On this a payment the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company, amounting to £4,723 5s. 9d. sterling. of \$15,000 order- I have not as yet received all the detailed statements in connection ed. with this account, but trust to be able to submit them shortly. In the mean time I would respectfully request that a sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be paid to the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company on account, and charged to the Fort Garry section of the Red River roads.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your most obedt. servant,  
F. BRAUN, Esq., Secretary, Department of Public Works. (Signed,) S. J. DAWSON.

(Copy.) (C.) OTTAWA, 12th March, 1872.

SIR,—I beg leave to enclose the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company's accounts against the Fort Garry Road up to the 1st August last, amounting to £18,384 14s. 9d. sterling. On this amount a sum of \$15,000 was paid on 16th December, 1870, and I would now recommend a further payment of \$60,000 on account.

The accounts for August, September and October are now being examined, and will be sent in with a general summary in a few days.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedt. servant,  
F. BRAUN, Esq., Secretary, Department Public Works, Ottawa. (Signed,) S. J. DAWSON

On the 22nd May, 1882, I sent in the following letters, marked D. & E.:—

(Copy.) (D.) OTTAWA, 22nd May, 1872.

SIR,—I beg to enclose for examination the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company's Fort Garry accounts for "Transport Service," viz:—

	Sterling.
No. 4. Cash account, per Mr. Graham.....	£1,522 14 8½
5. do do .....	1,134 8 2½
6. do Mr. Buchanan.....	689 10 5
7. Supplies.....	183 16 10
8. do .....	208 7 0
9. do .....	1,014 16 10½
10. do .....	120 10 9½
Cash and supplies to 23rd January, 1872.....	1,114 9 8