

whatever cause during the progress of the erection to any portions of the brickwork, cut stone or masonry, or other work, or any material that may be on the site, must be made good at the expense of the contractor to the satisfaction of the Minister of Public Works or any person delegated by him.

"Great care must be taken in placing the iron work in position, as the contractor will be held responsible for any damage whatsoever or interference with other contractors consequent upon its erection, and will have to make good all damage to the satisfaction of the Minister of Public Works or any person delegated by him."

888. The next is 152, with relation to the advertisement?—The same answer applies.

889. Do you want to put that advertisement in?—Yes. (Exhibit No. 30.)

890. Then the next is question 211, with respect to inserting a condition that the contractors for the iron roof were to make terms with Charlebois?—My former answer was not correct. There is no clause in that specification calling upon the parties to make terms for access to the building with the contractors; but it was proper for me to ascertain from the parties whose tenders were under consideration what provision had been made for a piling ground, for hoisting, scaffolding, steam-power, &c. Rousseau & Mather stated they had made no arrangements, and could not give any intelligible explanation as to how they would proceed with the placing of the roof in position.

891. Would you look at 215, and say what answer you desired to make?—I am referring to those clauses again.

892. Put your answer in such a way that the explanation will be intelligible to the readers?—I want that "yes" to be taken out, and I want substituted those clauses where there is no mention made about access.

893. With relation to question 307, with respect to the hauling of iron joists from the station, what explanation do you desire to give?—I think, in my previous evidence, I said something about the Canada Atlantic station.

894. That was in reference to piling ground?—No; hauling. The joists were to be hauled to the Government ground, on Nepean Point, and carried from that point by the Government.

895. Did the contract provide for the delivery of the joists by the contractor?—Yes.

896. Why did you take them to Nepean Point?—When it was decided to take the placing of them out of Carrier's hands, it was necessary, before the men could be paid, that the joists should be delivered on Government ground, and, therefore, he hauled them to Nepean Point instead of to the building. That was a longer distance than to the building and the Government paid for their delivery.

897. Did you pay the contractors anything extra for taking them from Nepean Point to the building?—No.

898. Why did you send them to Nepean Point instead of the building here?—There was no room here.

899. Was the building ready for them when they were delivered?—No.

900. Consequently, you had to send them to some other place in the building?—Certainly.

901. And the Government paid afterwards for hauling from Nepean Point to the building?—Yes.

*By Mr. Foster :*

902. But nothing for hauling from the station to Nepean Point?—No.

*By Mr. Bowell :*

903. Now, with reference to question 356. Mr. Fensom's statement was that Charlebois told him he had to contract for the whole of the building and certain portions were taken out, leaving him (Charlebois) the part of the building with the least profit and taking away the percentage on the sub-contracts?—Mr. Charlebois had no right to say such a thing, because it was never the intention to include in the main contract the iron joists, iron roof, iron stairs, elevators and heating apparatus.