

*By Mr. Metcalfe :—*

1840. Has the pay for any other axeman been received in the same vicarious manner?—I can't answer.

Mr. Buck—

*By Mr. Metcalfe :—*

1841. How many axemen in your section for the past eighteen months?—Two.

Mr. Gough—

*By Mr. Mitchell :—*

1842. What information can you give about these axemen?—I know that there are from two to three axemen mentioned as having been paid in the pay-sheet who never did any service upon the section as axemen. Mr. Garden had one of the others mentioned always on the work, and for a portion of the time during two years past, Mr. Nicholson also had one on the work. I knew the man Roy named in the pay-sheet to be Mr. Fitzgerald's brother; and I know the practice over the Intercolonial Railway, is that the divisional engineer should submit to the paymaster the number of such as axemen on the works, and to be paid by the paymaster. I saw Paul Garnier mentioned in the pay list, working about the refitting of Mr. Fitzgerald's house at one or two of the times of which his name appears in the pay list.

Mr. Fleming—

*By Mr. Mills :—*

1843. You heard the evidence yesterday in reference to the increase of quantities in earthwork and masonry. How much was the contractor over-paid by these increases?—I did not hear the evidence, but it was reported to me by Mr. Light. That evidence had been given to the Committee to the effect that fictitious quantities had been returned. I immediately asked Mr. Light to ascertain as nearly as he could from the Assistant Engineer, Mr. Garden, the quantities of the various kinds actually executed. Mr. Garden has submitted this morning a statement of actual quantities executed. The earthwork he says should be taken as approximate, as he is not sure within a few hundred yards, on account of the work done during the month of February not having been carefully measured. Taking these quantities as they are presented to me, I have moneyed them out at the rates authorized by the Government, and I find that the last certificate issued in favor of the contractors for this section, is about \$10,000 too much. My certificate was \$138,000. Assuming these new quantities to be accurate, I must reduce it to \$128,000.

1844. What would be those sums according to these revised quantities?—About \$102,000 in relation to the original quantities.

1845. What would be the value of the work done, giving the contractor the benefit of the deductions and changes in relation to the lump-sum price?—About \$124,000. I do not in this estimate give the contractor the benefit of the fencing or wooden bridges dispensed with as reductions.

*By Mr. Mills :—*

1846. Assuming the reductions insured to the benefit of the contractor, what proportion of the absolute reduction would Mr. Gough be entitled to?—\$21,600.

Mr Garden—

*By Mr. Mills :—*

1847. Do you know upon what plan Mr. Schreiber is finishing the work?—I don't know.

1848. Do you know whether Mr. McDonell, who is acting under Mr. Schreiber, is finishing the section under the estimate made by you for Melville?—I do know it. It is a statement different to what Mr. Fitzgerald stated the other day, and it is finished up upon the scale that Mr. Gough was finishing it upon.

1849. When you speak of the reduced structure, is it upon the scale furnished by you to Mr. Melville, which has been before this Committee?—It is. The structure at 1,590, that is being built 3ft. x 5ft., and at 1,756, is being built 2ft. 6in. x 4ft.

1850. What other changes?—There is a change in the plans of masonry at little