

With regard to No. 41, the parties have already a contract for Section No. 12; and as to No. 108, the Commissioners have recommended that Section No. 6 be awarded to them. In both cases, the Commissioners are not prepared to recommend an additional contract.

With respect to No. 1, *W. Kingsford*, no sureties have signed the tender; with respect to Nos. 4, 30, 21, 33, 74, 7, and 93, after enquiry, the Commissioners are not satisfied with the skill, experience and resources of the parties to these tenders.

The Commissioners, being satisfied with the skill, experience, and resources of Messrs. James Simpson & Co., recommend that their tender for Section No. 7, for the sum of \$557,750, or at the rate of \$23,000 per mile, be accepted

(Signed)

A. WALSH,
A. W. McLELLAN,
Commissioners.

I concur in the above report, except as regards Section No. 7. I cannot concur in the reason for passing Tender No. 1 by *W. Kingsford*, *because*: I believe he possesses the necessary skill, experience and resources to carry on the work; and because, as regards security, he offers to allow \$21,000 of the amount of his first estimate to remain in the hands of the Commissioners until the completion of the whole work, in addition to the percentage to be retained; and he further states, that if that proposal, which is the same course that is considered highly satisfactory in the case of Messrs. Worthington's contracts, is not accepted, he will find such personal security as will be satisfactory to the Commissioners. For these reasons, I think his tender for Section No. 7 ought to be accepted.

(Signed,)

C. J. BRYDGES
Commissioner.

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