

Q. That is, apart from the contingencies and superintendence he allowed \$102,472.50 ?

A. Yes.

Q. After that, did Mr. McDougall give you certain quantities and ask you to estimate according to what you would consider fair prices based on those quantities and what the probable expenditure would have been ?

A. He asked me to apply what I considered fair prices to certain quantities that he sent me.

Q. Without giving you all the quantities ?

A. Quite so.

Q. He simply asked you to put fair prices upon them ?

A. Yes.

Q. I suppose his quantities were taken from Mr. Keefer's report ?

A. I really don't know, may be they are.

Q. I presume you in the course of your examination of the papers, knew that in connection with it ?

A. It is so long ago that I cannot tell you. They appeared to be some of the quantities, I think.

Q. Then upon your placing your estimate of fair prices upon Mr. Keefer's report, what did you find the cost of the bridge would be ?

A. I found \$98,000.

Q. \$98,171.75, I think the figures are.

A. Yes. Understand, I placed such prices on his quantities as we had been in the habit of paying. I had not seen the locality.

Q. They were only estimates, after all ?

A. Yes, that is all.

Q. You afterwards sent an engineer of your department, Mr. Ridout ?

A. Yes.

Q. And he made an independent inquiry. Will you tell me what he estimated the probable expenditure on the bridge ?

A. \$101,000. I am not giving the odd dollars.

Q. \$101,008. Do you know upon what sum the payment made to the bridge company was based ? The 15 per cent on your \$98,171.

A. The payment was some \$14,000.

Q. \$14,275 ?

A. I presume it must have been on this \$98,000.

Q. It is exactly that ?

A. It might be.

Q. Are you aware that the company has made no further claim, nor has any further amount been ever paid since 1900 ?

A. There has been nothing paid to our department since.

Q. They took the 15 per cent on the \$98,000, and so far as you know nothing further has occurred ?

A. Yes, I have heard verbally, not by correspondence, I have heard from them that they are not satisfied.

Q. So far as you know, nothing further has been paid ?

A. No, nothing through our department, sir.

Q. Now, just give us for the notes, Mr. Schreiber, the difference between what was paid in that way and what the Order in Council authorized you to pay ?

A. \$14,718 and some odd cents were paid.

Q. \$14,725 ?

A. And the amount of the Order in Council was \$31,528.80.

Q. Less \$14,725—that is a difference of \$16,803 ?

A. Between those figures, yes.