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Q. I don't know whether you can estimate it?—A. No, I don't think I can estimate it roughly like that.

Q. Certainly, you have allowed a larger price than you would have allowed if you had not considered the question of plant?—A. We have allowed the question of the use of plant and timber for everything and all false works.

*By Mr. Langelier :*

Q. You have included in your estimate every item of necessary or useful expenditure for the work?—A. Yes.

Q. You have included in your estimate no useless material; you have included in your estimate no useless material or material that may be used on some other works?—A. No, sir.

*By Mr. Mills :*

Q. If there was timber used there, material in construction, would not that timber be serviceable for further use?—A. Certainly.

Q. Did you observe any timber there?—A. No; I didn't see any timber around.

Q. If that timber was chargeable to the government as part of the cost of construction it ought still to be forthcoming?—A. It ought still to be in the possession of the government unless they have disposed of it.

Q. Have you made any estimate of the timber or lumber that might possibly have been injudiciously used?—A. No; I don't know.

*By Mr. Moncrieff :*

Q. Now, in reference to this timber that you spoke about, you said there was inside of half a million feet received?—A. In the works?

Q. Yes; in the works. You are prepared to admit that there would be a great deal used in the way of false works?—A. Yes.

Q. And some destroyed and perhaps there ought to be some on hand?—A. Yes.

Q. With all the work that has been done there and in the hurried manner it would have to be done how much more would you estimate would probably be used?—A. I cannot tell you sir. With the best intentions in the world I could not tell you, I really do not know.

Q. You have been on the ground?—A. When we received our instructions from the Montreal *Herald* the false works had been removed and the works mostly completed.

Q. You say as an engineer you can form no idea whether there was a thousand, ten thousand or a hundred thousand?—A. I could not tell. I am under oath. There will be other witnesses that will tell you. I understand Mr. Roy will be able to answer that question.

Q. I am only asking you?—A. I don't know.

Q. Then your experience is of that character that you can form no estimate whatever as to other material that would require to be used?—A. I don't know. That is all I can say.

Q. You have, of course, been engaged in other large engineering works, have you?—A. I was on the construction of the C. P. R. in 1874.

Q. What part?—A. On the building of the road from the Kaministiquia river upwards.

Q. In what capacity?—A. I was just beginning, I commenced as a chainman, a rodman, a leveller and then I had charge of laying out work.

Q. As a surveyor?—A. I was not a surveyor at the time.

Q. When were you licensed as an engineer?—A. I have never been licensed as an engineer.

Q. I thought you were?—A. I have got my license the same as Mr. Peterson, chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, a diploma as a provincial land surveyor of Ontario, the same as Mr. Kennedy, the harbour engineer at Montreal. When I began that was before this surveying school was opened.

Q. So, as a matter of fact, you have no diploma as an engineer?—A. I have no diploma as an engineer.