

Wednesday, 4th June, 1862.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The Honorable MR. MOORE, CHAIRMAN.

The Hon. Mr. SEYMOUR,  
 " " " DESSAULLES,  
 " " " ALEXANDER,

The Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL,  
 " " " SKEAD.

Hon. Joseph  
 Cauchon.

The Honorable Joseph Cauchon examined.

4th June, 1862.

146. *Chairman.*] What was the amount paid to the several Contractors for the Public Buildings at Ottawa, previous to the 1st June, 1861, and what was the balance of the appropriation unexpended up to that date? what payments were made to the Contractors after that date? state the amount of each and date thereof, the authority for making such payments, whether by Order in Council or otherwise, and if those payments so made were based upon estimates for work done after deducting the per centage to be retained by the Commissioner of the Board of Works Department as specified in the Contract.—I do not remember; the facts can be best ascertained by referring to the books of the Department.

147. Did the Department act on the report made by Mr. Killaly, on the 7th November, of the measurements and prices established by him, or on the subsequent estimate, dated March 11th, 1862, in making payments?—The Department acted neither on the first nor on the second Report of Mr. Killaly in making payment.

148. Did you give specific instructions to Mr. Killaly relative to the mode of measurement to be adopted by him? and if so, can you state what the instructions were?—I did not; the whole of the instructions to Mr. Killaly are contained in the letter of the 21st September, 1861, (appendix p. 359 & 360,) but on the 14th of August the following letter was sent by my orders to the Measurers of Works.

(Copy.)

No. 37894, Ref. to 54172,  
 Sub. 1026.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
 Quebec, 14th August, 1861.

SIR,—With reference to the measurement of work done and materials delivered at the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, I am directed by the Honorable the Commissioner to state that inasmuch as the parties tendering were not informed what system or usage of measurement would be followed in reference to these buildings, the Contractors must naturally have presumed that they were to adopt the mode of measurement in usage in the locality where the buildings were to be erected, and without doubt have based their calculations on the mode referred to.

I am therefore directed to instruct you to measure the work done and to be done, and the materials delivered for the buildings you are