

OTTAWA, Wednesday, 10th November, 1880.

TOUSSAINT TRUDEAU's examination continued :

By the Chairman :—

14156. You were to furnish us with some papers mentioned in your previous evidence: have you any of them ready now to put in?—Yes.

14157. Have you a copy of contract 42 with Fraser and others, and the substitution of new contractors?—Yes; I produce it. (Exhibit No. 166.) **Contract No. 42.**

14158. Have you a copy of contract 26, with James Isbester?—Yes; I produce it. (Exhibit No. 167.) **Contract No. 26.**

RUFUS STEPHENSON, called and sworn :

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By the Chairman :—

**Contract No. 15.
Alleged improper influence.**

14159. Where do you live?—In Chatham, Ontario.

14160. Are you a Member of the House of Commons of Canada?—I am. **A Member of Parliament.**

14161. Have you been personally interested in any of the transactions connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway?—Not in the slightest degree. **In no way interested in transactions connected with Canadian Pacific Railway.**

14162. Were you upon the Committee of Public Accounts at the time that Mr. Whitehead's contract was investigated?—I was. **A member of Committee on Public Accounts when Whitehead's contract was investigated.**

14163. Do you remember about the period?—It was last Session, I think—some time in 1879.

14164. You mean the Session before last?—It was up both Sessions, in 1879 and 1880.

14165. I wish to speak at present of the session of 1879?—Yes.

14166. Are you aware of any advantage being offered to any one on that Committee for the purpose of dealing with the subjects before them in a way different from what they would otherwise deal with them?—I am not; nor have I ever been approached, directly or indirectly, by Mr. Whitehead or any of the other contractors on the line. **Aware of no unworthy attempts to influence the Committee individually or collectively.**

14167. Are you aware that any person received any benefit upon the understanding that they would be able to influence the Committee, or any of them?—I am not.

14168. Are you aware of any person receiving any benefit, or payment, or promise from any contractor, or any one interested in any contract, upon the understanding that influence would be used with any Member of Parliament?—I am not. **Aware of no person receiving any benefit from any contractor.**

14169. Are you aware that Mr. Mackintosh received any money upon any such understanding from any contractor?—I am not.

14170. Are you aware that he led any Member of Parliament to think that he had done so, and that it would be a favour to him to deal with this matter differently from the manner, in which it would be otherwise dealt with?—I am not.