

Georgian Bay**Branch—****Contract No. 37.**

it runs over \$100,000. If you should conclude to take this matter up, Mr. Macdougall is my attorney, and through him any notice could be given in which we would appear at any time, and bring books and vouchers to substantiate our claim.

13917. That will save us the trouble of communicating with you at New York?—Yes.

**Tendering—
Contract No. 61,
B.C.**

**Had an interest
with Ryan &
Goodwin.**

13918. That will be recorded. Is there any other matter connected with the Pacific Railway in which you have been interested?—I had an interest in section B of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and also in British Columbia, in connection with Mr. Goodwin—Mr. James Goodwin, of Ottawa—and Mr. Ryan.

13919. Was this firm one of the tendering firms for the work?—It was.

13920. Do you know whether the tender was the lowest for that particular work?—It was the lowest.

13921. Was the contract signed by this firm as originally constituted?—I think it was. It was signed by Mr. Goodwin on my part; I left him a power of attorney.

13922. Have you remained interested in it?—No; I am not interested in it at present.

13923. Has the Government assented to any transfer of your interest?—I have no knowledge upon that subject, as I left the matter entirely in Mr. Goodwin's hands after leaving here.

13924. Do you understand from your partner that it has been concluded by arrangement with the Government?—I understood that it was satisfactory to the Government.

13925. And that your interest has been parted with?—Our interest has been parted with.

**Interest passed to
Onderdonk.**

13926. To whom?—To Andrew Onderdonk. I think he is from San Francisco.

13927. Did you negotiate with him directly yourself, or was it done through some one else?—It was done through myself, James Goodwin and Mr. Ryan. We were all together at the time the negotiation took place. The final concluding writings was done, I think, by Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Ryan, I leaving power of attorney. Having to leave and go to New York, I left a power of attorney with Mr. Goodwin for the fixing up and signing of some papers. What they were I do not remember.

13928. Was there any consideration given to your firm for this transfer?—There was a certain consideration.

13929. What consideration?—Well, I should rather ask to be excused from answering that. It was a private matter between Onderdonk and myself, and he might think I was violating his confidence.

13930. I do not think we are at liberty to excuse you after having undertaken the duty which we have under our Commission, namely to investigate into all matters connected with the Pacific Railway; our authority on this point is a subject which we have given serious consideration, because we were aware that such an objection as this of yours might arise. I can only say, speaking for the Commission, that we feel it our duty to ask the question, and that we think it proper