

of the late Province of Canada and on behalf of the persons claiming by assignment from the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, and having taken the evidence of all witnesses produced upon oath administered by the Auditor-General of Canada, under a special authority from the Minister of Finance, empowering him to inquire into the accounts, and having considered all accounts, matters and differences so referred to them, do hereby (by William Heard and George E. King, Esquires, two of the Commissioners, J. Lorn McDougall, the Auditor-General of Canada, the other Commissioner, being present, but declining to join) adjust and settle the said accounts and differences, under the terms and instructions contained in the said Order-in-Council, and adjudge and determine that there is due and owing, as of this date, by New Brunswick to the late Province of Canada, as in full and final settlement of all accounts, matters and differences so referred to them, the balance or sum of seven thousand seven hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-three cents (\$7,734.63), and hereby report the same to the Honorable Minister of Finance.

(Signed)

WM. HEARD,
G. E. KING,

Commissioners.

SATURDAY, 12th March, 1881.

Examination of J. LORN McDOUGALL, Auditor-General.

By the Chairman :

Q. You were one of three Commissioners appointed by the Orders in Council of the 5th of April, 1880, to audit the accounts between the late Provinces of New Brunswick and Canada ?

A. I was.

Q. Is the account of the expenditure by Canada on the boundary survey now produced, the true account as taken from the books of the Government—amounting to £11,715 Os. 9d ?

A. Yes.

Q. You and your co-Commissioners deducted the amount £428 17s. 0d., as being charged by error to the said account, and agreed that the balance, £11,286 3s. 9d., was the actual expenditure by Canada ?

A. We all agreed to the deduction of £428 17s. 0d. Although the Commissioners who acted with me did not admit all the other accounts submitted to us as correct, yet they admitted that the accounts objected to were, in the main, correct as showing the expenditure which took place. They struck off, however, Mr. Fiset's salary and one-eighth of the remaining account—which I thought was not proper—alleging, as reasons for these deductions, that Mr. Fiset's services were unnecessary, and that the expenditure was extravagant.

By the Honorable Mr. Lewin :

Q. Were the accounts rendered by Canada accompanied by vouchers made at the time of expenditure ?

A. They were ; I would, certainly, have received no other.

By the Honorable Mr. Boyd :

Q. Did you take up those accounts according to the instructions of your Commission ?

A. We did.

By the Chairman :

Q. Did you, by your action, annul any of the proceedings of the Imperial Commissioners, or did you think you were justified in so doing under your Commission ?

A. No. We did not think we were justified in pursuing such a course.

By the Honorable Mr. Dever :

Q. Did your fellow Commissioners all hold the same opinion ?