

IN EXCESS.		Amount.
		\$ cts.
21,500 cubic yards rock excavation in excess @ 95 cents per yard = \$20,425	}	28,825 00
42,000 do earth excavation do @ 20 cents do = 8,400		
Value of work taken off contractor's hands according to above prices.....		120,456 43
Bridging as per Mr. Fleming's statement not executed by contractor.....		21,200 00
Total.....		\$141,656 43

LIBERT CHANDLER.

Ottawa, April 24th, 1873.

That it appears from the evidence that a sum of \$516,000 has been paid on account of contract to the contractors, leaving in the hands of the Government \$17,000. And that a sum of \$10,000 was paid on account of work done outside the contract, the total value of which amounted to about \$29,000 at the first day of April instant.

That such work being entirely outside the contract was given to *A. McDonnell & Co.* without tenders being called for, or rates for payment being agreed to.

That Mr. *Fleming* states in his evidence that the sum of \$21,200, being the estimated value of bridge superstructure, should be deducted from the said contract sum, of \$533,000 to reach the real contract sum, thus making it really \$511,800. That the sum of \$516,000 having been paid on the contract, shews that an over-payment of \$4,200 has been made on the contract, even if the contractor should be allowed the whole amount of the reductions as estimated in the statements in Schedule B.

That after deducting the sum of \$10,000, paid on account of work done outside the contract, from the estimated value of such work, viz., \$29,000, there remains a sum of \$19,000 in the hands of the Government; that when the over-payment on the contract of the sum of \$4,200 is deducted from this balance, there remains only \$14,800 in the hands of the Government.

That Mr. *Sandford Fleming*, Chief Engineer, estimates the value of the reductions in the amount of the contract consequent on the change of the location of the line, exclusive of bridge superstructure, to be \$79,485.

That, assuming that the Government was only entitled to the benefit of the deductions caused by changes made in the location of the line, the account would stand thus:—

Deductions, as above	\$79,485
In hands of Government, as above.....	14,800

Shewing an over-payment of \$64,685

upon this assumption.

That the payment of money to contractors, in excess of the contract sum, is a gross violation of public duty, and that the system of ignoring the terms of contracts entered into with the Government, and reported to Parliament, without Parliamentary authority is inexpedient and unjustifiable" inserted instead thereof;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And being Six of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at half-past Seven O'Clock.