

OTTAWA, 27th April, 1878.

J. H. ROWAN, recalled, was examined as follows :—

Q. I should like to ask you, with respect to the crossing of the Lake of the Woods, whether you surveyed them or had them surveyed?—I did not. I took Mr. Dawson's figures and plottings.

Q. You stated in your deposition, the other day, that the islands do not exist at the crossing as shown on Mr. Dawson's map?—I stated that it is not a correct representation.

Q. Did you test that by measurements?—No; I did not.

Q. You did not triangulate it?—No; I did not.

Q. Did you think it necessary to put an instrument on it?—No; I did not.

Q. Was its dissimilarity so apparent?—The dissimilarity of the place was so great from that laid down on the map that I did not think it necessary to make an instrumental survey of it.

Q. Do you speak of both crossings?—Yes.

Q. But you speak particularly of crossing No. 1?—Yes.

Q. But you speak simply from observation without testing it by measurement?—Yes.

Q. Were you satisfied of the incorrectness of the plan without testing it?—Yes.

Q. What is the practice with engineers if a discrepancy is so gross as to be apparent to the eye?—It is not necessary to go on and prove a thing by actual measurements that is so apparent to the eye.

Q. Were you aware that you were on the same spot as those islands are represented to be?—I went there especially for the purpose, and was around and through the channels. I had sent a gentleman there before to examine the place, and he told me it was not a correct representation of the place. I was somewhat surprised, and went myself in order to be satisfied of it.

Q. Have your observations been sufficiently close as to enable you to declare that there is no practical crossing there?—I have already stated that I had no actual measurements made of it, but I consider it impracticable without a large expenditure of money.

And further, deponent saith not.

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