

The works, of which this is an estimate, are being executed by the authority of the Department of Railways and Canals, under contract, numbered and dated as above, also under Letter No. 27,816.

Total value of work done and materials delivered to the 1st January, 1882:

161 miles at \$10,000 per mile	\$1,610,000 00
Less work performed on first 100 miles:	
West of Red River, including rails....	\$760,604 71
Plant, rolling stock, etc., transferred...	240,614 49
Freight in transit and in store on 1st May, 1881 (traffic).....	41,300 09
	1,042,519 29

Amount due as per O. C., 9th January, 1882..... \$567,480 71

The above is a correct estimate, made up from the returns forwarded by James Dickie and others. The quantities so furnished have been accurately moneyed out at the contract rates, or at rates specially authorized by Departmental letters above mentioned.

THOMAS R. BURPÉ.

I have examined the return on which this estimate is based, have verified the calculations, and am satisfied that all the work returned as done has been duly authorized by the Department.

FRANCIS J. LYNCH, in charge of C. P. R. Head Office.

Total amount now certified on this contract, \$1,610,000. All previous payments to be deducted.

COLLINGWOOD SCHREIBER, *Engineer in Chief.*

OTTAWA, 5th January, 1882.

Memorandum.

The undersigned has the honor to state that application has been made by the Secretary of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, under date of the 2nd ultimo, and 4th instant, for payment of subsidies on 108 miles and 53½ miles respectively making a total of 161½ miles of the Canadian Pacific Railway extending from Winnipeg to a point about 31 miles west of Brandon.

That the Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway attached to this Department, reports that the said section of road is so far completed as to admit of the running of regular trains thereon, and has such equipment as the traffic requires; and that the Company are entitled under the terms of their contract to the subsidies applicable to this section of 161½ miles of the road namely.

Cash subsidy, \$1,610,000; land grant, 2,012,500 acres; less one-fifth to be retained as security, 1,610,000 acres.

The Chief engineer reports, however, that there are charges against the Company for work west of Red River, representing in cash about \$1,323,255.33, part of this sum (about 280,736.09) being for rails and fastenings conveyed to the Company under the 10th clause of their contract, and being chargeable with interest until paid.

That the Company have requested that they may not be pressed for the immediate payment of the whole of this sum of \$1,323,255.33, but that they may be allowed to pay same by instalments, intimating that they have now in transit to the North-West, 40,000 tons of steel rails, costing \$1,700,000.

That in accordance with the suggestion of the Chief Engineer, the undersigned recommends that the Company be allowed to pay the interest bearing sum of \$280,736.09 aforesaid, by instalments, but that the balance of the account against the Company for work done west of the Red River, rolling stock, plant, freight in tran-