

**Surveys—Ex-
ploration.**

Three months on shores of lake, then made instrumental survey from Red Rock to South Bay of Nipigon.

362. How long were you occupied in that work?—We were occupied about three months in the exploration along the shores of the lake. We then made an instrumental survey from Red Rock to the South Bay of Lake Nipigon.

363. How long did that occupy?—As well as I can remember about a month.

Four months in field.

364. So that during the season you were occupied about four months?—Yes; in the field.

Thompson purchased supplies in Toronto and Collingwood.

365. What was the system for procuring the supplies for such a party at that time?—The supplies at that time were purchased by Mr. Thompson, the engineer in charge of the party in Toronto and Collingwood.

366. And taken with you or sent on?—I think they were taken with—possibly part were taken with us, and part were sent on to Red Rock.

367. Then the engineer in charge made all expenditures upon his own responsibility?—He bought, of course, what he thought was necessary for the survey.

368. Did he exercise his own discretion in procuring supplies necessary for the expedition?—I think so; I do not think he had any instructions with reference to the matter.

How accounts kept.

369. Do you know anything about the mode of keeping the accounts for that party?—We had an officer attached to the party—sometimes with the party, and sometimes getting the supplies—who was supposed to keep the accounts, and attend to the distribution of supplies on the line.

370. Who was that?—A man named Robson or Robinson, I am not sure which.

371. You took no part in the accounts or the procuring of supplies?—None whatever.

372. Do you know the letter which would designate that party at that time in the books of the Department?—I do not remember just now; I could find it by referring to the report.

After field work, office work at Ottawa.

373. Besides the time you were occupied in the field, were you engaged a further time in connection with the work?—After getting through with the field work we came to Ottawa and made our plans and reports.

374. In the Department of Public Works? Were you connected with the Department of Public Works?—In the Canadian Pacific Railway Office; I think it was outside of the Department of Public Works proper at that time.

Chain and axemen discharged after field work.

375. After the work in the field I suppose the chain men, axemen and others would be discharged?—Yes.

20th May, 1875. Left Winnipeg as engineer in charge of division

376. About what time did you commence in the next season?—In the next season I left Winnipeg on the 20th May, 1875.

377. What was your position in that party?—I was engineer in charge of the division.

378. Who was your assistant, or had you an assistant?—My first assistant was W. McG. Otty.