

The tenders for these sections ranged as follows, viz :—

No. 5, Quebec.....	26 miles,	34 tenders...	\$510,600 to \$	981,558
„ 6, New Brunswick...	21 „	32 „ ...	399,917 „	704,613
„ 7, Nova Scotia.....	24 „	42 „ ...	450,963 „	712,800
„ 17, Quebec.....	20 „	31 „ ...	389,130 „	837,195
„ 18, „ .....	20 „	29 „ ...	514,500 „	1,387,967
„ 19, „ .....	9½ „	30 „ ...	282,031 „	751,768
„ 20, New Brunswick....	6 „	16 „ ...	520,000 „	1,059,403

The contracts for these sections were awarded as follows :—

No. 5, to Alexander McDonell & Co.....	at \$533,000
„ 6, „ F. X. Berlinquet & Co. ....	„ 456,946
„ 7, „ James Simpson & Co.....	„ 557,750
„ 17, „ S. P. Tuck .....	„ 440,000
„ 18, „ R. H. McGreevy.....	„ 648,600
„ 19, „ S. P. Tuck.....	„ 395,733
„ 20, „ Brown, Brooks & Ryan.....	„ 642,854

On 5th October, 1870, after due advertisement, tenders were received for the following sections, viz :—

No. 10, (for which the previous contract had been annulled), and Nos. 21, 22 and 23, new contracts.

Tenders ranged as follows :—

No. 10, New Brunswick, 20 miles,	28 tenders.....	\$400,000 to \$705,808
„ 21, „ 25 „	34 „ .....	441,271 to 713,945
„ 22, „ 25 „	34 „ .....	323,877 to 517,729
„ 23, „ 22½ „	40 „ .....	276,750 to 434,956

Contracts for these sections were awarded as follows :—

No. 10 to D. Macdonald, \$400,000, less work done, balance.....	\$365,920
„ 21 „ P. Purcell .....	483,195
„ 22 „ C. Cummings & Co. ....	331,000
„ 23 „ Sutherland, Grant & Co. ....	276,750

This completed the letting of the entire line, and placed the whole under contract. In every case the tenders were called for at the earliest day on which the Chief Engineer was able to furnish the necessary plans and details of the work to be done.

The following are the dates of the several existing contracts :—

No. 1 Section, 4th March, 1869.	No. 13 Section, 25th May, 1870.
„ 2 „ 4th „ „	„ 14 „ „ „ „
„ 3 „ 25th May, 1870.	„ 15 „ 15th June, „
„ 4 „ „ „ „	„ 16 „ 25th May, „
„ 5 „ „ „ „	„ 17 „ 15th June, „
„ 6 „ „ „ „	„ 18 „ 8th July, „
„ 7 „ „ „ „	„ 19 „ 15th June, „
„ 8 „ 1st November, 1869.	„ 20 „ 24th September, „
„ 9 „ 26th October, „	„ 21 „ 1st December, „
„ 10 „ 1st December, 1870.	„ 22 „ „ „ „
„ 11 „ 1st November, 1869.	„ 23 „ „ „ „
„ 12 „ 1st „ „	

The contracts include clearing, grubbing, fencing, grading, masonry, bridging, and everything up to formation level, except the superstructure of the iron bridges at Trois Pistoles, Metis, Restigouche, Miramichi, Nipissiguit and Folly Rivers.