

**Contract No. 1—
Telegraph.**

225. Then the mention of particular times for finishing particular sections is consistent with the fact that the tender relates only to the whole line?—Yes.

226. The certificate you produce dated August 7th, and signed by yourself, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Braun, relating to the opening of tenders, shows different particulars as to the several tenders. Will you explain what was meant to be shown by that generally? Was it intended to convey the substance of each tender as it relates to each section?—Yes.

Allan McLean,
the first person
who tendered for
Section 1.

227. Give me the name of the first person on the list who tenders for the construction of section one?—Allan McLean.

228. Does he name a price for construction?—Yes.

Other tenders.

229. Give me the next name for the construction of section one?—H. P. Dwight.

230. Does he name a sum for the construction?—He does.

231. What is the next name?—Parmalee; he names a price.

232. What is the next name?—McKenzie, Grier & Co.; they give a price. The next is Waddle & Smith; they give a price. The next is Humphrey & Co.; they give a price. Next, G. W. Taylor & Co.; they give a price. Next, Mitchell, Macdonald & Gough; they give a price. Next, the Electric Light Co.; they give a price.

Sifton, Glass &
Co. without a
price.

233. What is the next name for the construction of section one?—Sifton, Glass & Co., without a price.

234. What is the next name?—George P. Drummond, with a price. Next, Rocque & O'Hanly, with a price. Next, Thompson, with a price. Next, Jocelyn, with a price; and last, Fuller, with a price.

235. You say that this was intended on the 7th of August to give to the Department the substance of each tender as it related to each section?—Yes.

Up to 7th August,
i.e., after the time
for receiving ten-
ders, the schedule
prepared by the
officers did not
intend to show
that Sifton, Glass
& Co. had named
any price for Sec-
tion 1.

236. Was it intended to show that Sifton, Glass & Co. had named any price for section one on the 7th of August?—There is no price shown.

237. You took part in that document?—Yes.

238. Did you intend to show that Sifton, Glass & Co. had named any price?—No; it was not intended.

239. That was after the time for receiving tenders had expired?—Yes.

240. When was it first regarded by the Department that they had made an offer to construct section one?—The tenders, after they were opened, were referred to Mr. Fleming for his report, and on the 10th of August he reported and stated that "sheet number one shows that 'there are fifteen proposals for section number one, Fort Garry and 'Fort Pelly.'"

241. Does sheet number one name Sifton, Glass & Co.?—It does.

The 10th of Aug.
the first time the
Department
learned that Sif-
ton, Glass & Co.
had tendered for
Section 1.

242. Then, on the 10th of August, for the first time the Department understood that Sifton, Glass & Co. had tendered for section one?—That is the date of Mr. Fleming's report.