50 60 9	yds. stone, ,, ,,	to haul and dress, at \$8	1,107	00
457	"	Second-class masonry, as fol- lows :	-,	
3 0	,,	To haul and cut, at 1,590, at \$10 per yard ;		
30	"	To haul and cut, at 1,750, at \$10 per yard; 900 00		
30	"	To haul and cut, at 1763, at \$10 per yard ;		
100	,,	To haul and cut, at 1,954, at \$8 per yard 800 00		
267	"	Delivered, at \$4 per yard 1,063 00	0 500	00
3 0	"	Paving, at \$3	2,768 90	
			\$16,385	00

I am now aware that within the last ten days, at a cost that could not have exceeded \$1,000, all the second-class masonry but 100 yards is completed, for which, in my statement, I allowed \$2,768.

1692. Is this data in relation to the quantities of work yet to be done?—It is ascertained by practical observation and knowledge of the work itself and what is needful to be done.

1693. When Mr. Brydges says it will take \$40,000 to \$50,000 to finish it, do you think he could possibly have known so much about it as you ?—I do not think so, and he indicated that himself.

1694. How much of a balance, assuming it now finished for \$16,000, would that leave in your favor ?—It would leave \$26,000.

1695. Do you claim you would be entitled for that from the Government?—I was told by the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie, I would be paid any balance that was due to me after finishing the work, and also by Mr. Brydges.

1696. Assuming Mr. Brydges' maximum sum of completing that work, which is \$50,000, the balance of the contract would leave a deficiency of how much ?-\$8,000.

1697. How much is due to the men for wages ?-About \$3,500.

1698. Have the Government taken possession of any property of yours on the line? -They have.

1799. Is there any official return of the value of the property of which possession has been taken ?—There is an official return of the materials, which I value at the least \$7,000.

1700. How would that leave balance due on the contract, assuming Mr. Brydges' maximum \$50,000 correct ?—About \$4,000.

1701. Assuming Mr. Brydges' minimum right?-About \$6,000.

1702. What is it that Mr. Fitzgerald means when he speaks of \$6,000 returned ?—At the time when I demanded that of Mr. Light, the contingencies were nearly all met, and to this day there is about from \$5,000 to \$6,000 on the contingencies account, properly due to me. I may also state that the cost of contingencies on the section were 50 per cent. in addition to the amount provided in the contract.

1703. Mr. Fitzgerald charges false returns and collusion upon every officer connected with the work. Now, as a matter of fact, was there any collusion with anybody but himself, with the exception of the 311 yards returned by Mr. Buck. Was there any work returned as done that was not done, except what Mr. Fitzgerald returned ?—There was no collusion on my part with any one. There was no corrupt arrangement with any one

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