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# VALLEY RAILWAY WILL COST MORE THAN \$53,000 A MILE

The Province Will Pay for the Bungling and Incompetency of the Old Government---Evidence Given by Luther B. Smith, E. Lorne Merrithew, C. O. Foss, and D. F. Maxwell--More About the "Dummy Director"

St. John, Aug. 16. — The Gagetown-Westfield section of the Valley Railway will cost the province more than \$53,000 per mile. If the tender for the construction of the road at \$39,000 per mile had been accepted the total cost, including the overhead charges, would have been not more than \$41,800 per mile.

This was the evidence of C. O. Foss, member of the present board of directors and chief engineer of the road, who testified at the session of the inquiry which was held in the court house yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Foss testified that the margin between the prices received by the chief contractors, the Nova Scotia Construction Company, and the prices at which the sub-contractors are doing the work would leave the chief contractors a gross profit of more than \$233,000 on this section.

Apparently this was not enough, as the new contract entered into between the late government and the construction company called for still higher prices for the construction of the northern section, from Centreville to Andover, the figures showing a cost to the province of \$56,000 per mile for that section.

The former inspecting engineer of the road, D. F. Maxwell, told of the tenders which were submitted at the request of the late Premier Clarke before the public call for tenders was made. He said that the call was made "quite informally" and independently none of the other members of the government being aware of the matter, so far as he knew. He was asked about a document which appeared to be a tender submitted by the Cook Construction Company of Nova Scotia at that time but did not remember having seen it before. This tender was for \$1.15 per yard for solid rock and 35 cents for all other material, while the present contract requires the payment of \$1.55 per yard for solid rock, 65 cents for loose rock and 40 cents for common excavation.

Nominee of Mr. Jones.

Luther B. Smith and E. Lorne Merrithew, members of Smith & Merrithew, Ltd., sub-contractors on the Valley Railway, were on the stand and told of the formation of their company and of the admission of Mr. Fenwick on the recommendation of George B. Jones, M.P.P.

Mr. Smith explained that it was merely a coincidence that the farmer whom they selected as the third member of their company had been recommended by a member of the legislature for the county in which their contract lay. He testified that Mr. Fenwick agreed to become a member of the company and to put up one-third of the money required for the purposes of the company, which was

A Bachelor's Opinion.

Chatham World: Wesley Morgan of Fredericton Junction has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for having married two women. Wouldn't it have been greater punishment to compel him to live in the same house with both of them?

## STATION HOUSE TENDERS.

The Directors of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company will receive sealed tenders up to 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday, August 28th, 1917, for supplying the material and constructing the stations and outbuildings of the St. John and Quebec Railway between Gagetown and Westfield. Plans and specifications can be seen at the offices of the Company in Fredericton and at the Provincial rooms in St. John.

Tenders to have attached certified cheques for 5 per cent. of the amount of same.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

E. S. CARTER,

Secretary.

Fredericton, August 14, 1917.

## A. O. H. PICNIC

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capitalized at \$49,900, without asking how much he actually would have to put up. This silent partner, however, had never paid any cash. Neither had Mr. Fenwick displayed any curiosity regarding the value which Smith & Merrithew were placing on their plant which was to be purchased by the company and which was its chief asset. The matter of sharing the profits appears to be still open.

Both partners testified that they always contributed to the campaign funds of their party but kept no account of the amounts and could not recollect how much they had contributed at the time of the last election.

They swore that they got higher prices on the sub-contract than the other sub-contractors, merely because they had asked for these rates and not because of any political influence or any other consideration.

The inquiry will resume this afternoon when Paul F. Blanchet, the auditor, W. B. Tennant and Thomas Nagle are expected to take the stand.

Mr. L. B. Smith of Smith & Merrithew, Ltd., was the first witness examined. He said that he had been a member of the firm of Smith & Merrithew which had a contract on the upper section of the road. Mr. R. J. Arnill was then a partner. He had heard that Arnill had contributed \$600 or \$700 to J. H. Crockett, but did not think the report was correct. The business of Smith & Merrithew had been formed into a joint stock company. Mr. Fenwick had been taken in on the recommendation of Mr. Geo. B. Jones, M.P.P., as they wanted a third man. There had been no profits so far and no dividends declared by the company. Mr. Fenwick had promised to put up \$16,000, or one third of the capital, but did not do so. He bought a farm and notified the company that he could not come in. Mr. Lindsay had promised them a sub-contract and it was afterwards given to them. The witness said that he always contributed to party funds but kept no account of it. He had used no political influence to get a sub-contract.

E. Lorne Merrithew

E. Lorne Merrithew was the next witness. He testified that he was a member of Smith & Merrithew, Ltd., and was present when the company was formed. The witness said that Mr. Fenwick came and agreed to go in and to put up an equal share. Nothing was said of the value of their plant, he thought. Witness did not think that Mr. Fenwick asked him.

Mr. Carvell—Mr. Fenwick came down, having been recommended by Mr. Jones; he agreed to become a member of this company, to put up a third of the money required and you were to put in your plant and no mention was made of the price at which the plant was to be put in? Mr. Fenwick was to put up what was required up to one-third of the capital stock, if required?

A.—Yes.

Mr. Carvell—Then he was a lucky man that he bought that other farm. Witness said that Mr. Smith was president and he was secretary-treasurer of company.

The company did not tender either on the mileage basis or unit basis, had nothing to do with any tender and no interest in any tender.

Q.—Did you have any interest in the Dominion Construction Company's tender?

A.—I tried to get them to tender.

Q.—Who?

A.—Deeks and Hines. I met them in Montreal.

Q.—You were in St. John when the tender was made up?

A.—He did not tell me what they did.

Q.—Did you have any talk with Mr. Tennant that day?

A.—No.

Q.—Did Mr. Deeks?

A.—Not that I know of.

Q.—Did you have any arrangement with the Nova Scotia Construction Company that you were to get a contract?

A.—No. We had a hard time to get a contract. We went over the work with Mr. Cozzolino and Mr. Lindsay but left them without making an arrangement. Finally, they gave it, but I think it was practically the last one let.

Q.—Did they tell you that you were

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getting more for the work than the other subs?

A.—I don't think they did, although I may have known it.

Q.—Was there any consideration paid to any one to enable you to get the contract?

A.—No.

Q.—How much did you contribute to the last election funds?

A.—As a firm, not a cent.

Q.—As an individual?

Partner Gave, Too.

A.—I always contribute, but I kept no accounts of it.

Q.—To any particular fund?

A.—Yes, in York county.

Q.—Knowing York, I will ask how many thousands?

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