

## REPORT No. 88.

OTTAWA, 9th January, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. Nos. 6 and 7.—Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Co., for teaming, \$9470 and \$5110; in all, \$14,580. These claims for hire of teams at \$10 per day have been under consideration by the Commission for some time, the latter claim being reduced to \$2260, by taking off \$2850 for services of teams being the private property of W. R. Bell, as sworn to by W. L. Boyle, President, and W. R. Bell, Manager of the Company, leaving the total claim \$11,730.

After having heard evidence under oath, and consulted telegrams from S. L. Bedson (Chief Transport Officer) to W. R. Bell, dated April 8th, 1885, directing that not more than \$8 per day shall be paid, and from the fact that the price of teams had been reduced to \$6 and \$6.50 per day from about the 8th or 10th April. The Commission are of opinion the rate per day for all teams supplied by this Company should be reduced to \$8 from and after the 1st May, thus allowing 22 days to effect the change.

The Commission could only recommend this high rate on the presumption that the teams were exceptionally good and occupying an important position at the front, although the work was not so laborious as if they had been continuously on the trail. Bell, as Transport Officer, says these teams could not be exchanged without inconveniencing the advance column; but as other teams were constantly going to and from the front with supplies, the exchange could have been effected in a few weeks without difficulty. The claims are therefore reduced by \$4840, leaving a balance of \$6890 (as per annexed statement), which the Commission recommend for payment.

July 14.—By claim for teaming.....	\$9,470.00
“ 31 “ “ “ .....	2,260.00
	\$11,730.00

*Less.*

May 31.—To overcharge on account of teaming 1st to 31 May, at \$10 per team per day, having been charged when rate was limited to \$8, vide telegram dated 8th April, 1885, 22 days allowed per team to return home or exchange with others at lower rates, 1,399 days, at \$2.....	\$2,798.00
July 31st.—To overcharge on account for teaming to 31st July, same as above, 74 days, at \$2.....	\$148.00
July 14th.—To overcharge on account for teaming 1st May to 14th July, 947 days, at \$2 .....	\$1,894.00 \$4840.00

By balance due Qu'Appelle V. Farm Co.....\$6,890.00

*Approved.—A. P. C.*

OTTAWA, 9th January, 1886.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 89.

OTTAWA, 14th January, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 613.—Great North Western Telegraph Co., for services of operators and lineman and their expenses and material supplied. \$3187.34. From letters and memo. from H. P. Dwight, General Manager of the Co., attached, it appears that the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence gave instructions for this service, and in order to ensure promptness and efficiency, reliable experts in the employ of the Company were despatched hurriedly, with instructions to spare no effort, either by night or by day, in order that the service might be correctly and satisfactorily carried out.

The very excellent report of Mr. Lanskail and others attached, show the importance and magnitude of the work, frequently performed under most trying circumstances, and to their efforts with others of the same service the country was indebted for the daily accurate reports from the advance columns, and the ordering of all supplies also depended upon these people.

The Commission therefore recommend payment in full.

TORONTO, August 5th, 1885.

H. P. DWIGHT, Esq.,

General Manager Great North Western Telegraph Co.

I beg to submit for your information a brief account of my work in the Northwest:

We (Pike and myself) left here on April first, taking with us our field instruments and other necessary material, arriving in Winnipeg on Sunday, April fifth. Labelle, lineman from Montreal, joined us there on Monday. We awaited the arrival of the Queen's Own on Tuesday, leaving with that regiment on Tuesday afternoon, and arriving at Qu'Appelle Wednesday morning.

From there we reported by telegraph to General Middleton (who was then about thirty miles north of that place) and received orders, Pike to proceed to Fort Qu'Appelle, I with lineman to join his headquarters as soon as possible. We left Qu'Appelle about noon with half of "C" Company Infantry School Corps, and overtook General Middleton at Touchwood on Friday evening.

In company with the Troops we reached Clarke's Crossing, Friday, seventeenth April. On our way up we cut the line, and established communications at noon and in the evening. On Thursday, twenty-third April, the Troops moved forward, and there being no line on the eastern side of the Saskatchewan I was ordered by the General to remain at the office on the western side of the river in order to forward his despatches, which would be sent in by Courier. Operator Macdonald joined me there Thursday evening.

On the arrival of the Seventh Fusiliers, in May, I opened an office on the eastern bank of the river, the Supply and Transport departments having been established there, and, nearly all our work then being in connection with those departments, remaining there till relieved from duty July the twenty-fifth, when I returned to Toronto, arriving here August fourth.

On our way to the front, we repaired the line in several places, and did everything possible to put it in reliable working order. The line, however, is far from being a good one. The poles are of poplar, very slight, and only sunk from two to three feet in the ground.

A great deal of trouble and interruption was caused to the line owing to this shallow putting in of the poles, especially when the frost was coming out of the

ground. Another serious trouble was caused by the teamsters cutting the poles for firewood. This was represented to the chief of the Transport Service, who in a great measure stopped the mischief, though not entirely, as, on one or two occasions when the lineman returned from a search for the trouble, he reported that poles had been cut off close to the ground and carried away.

The serious delays to despatches by these interruptions can be better understood when it is remembered that it was almost if not entirely impossible to get poles to replace those taken away, there being no suitable timber for poles on the prairie. The long distances between stations was also a serious drawback, a day, and often a day and a half, being occupied in reaching the break.

After the fight at Fish Creek, and during the stay of the Troops there, an office was opened at that camp and the wire run from there across the river and attached to the Prince Albert line, some three miles distant, by Labelle, our lineman. Anticipating such an event, I put up a battery of twenty cells at Clark's Crossing, and attached it to the Prince Albert line, in such a manner that the line could be used either separately (we relaying the business) or during fine weather connected with Qu'Appelle and the business sent direct from the camp, our battery acting as an aid to the Qu'Appelle battery. The wire used in making the connection from the camp to the Prince Albert line was that sent by you, the heavy kerite submarine wire being used as a cable in crossing the river, and it is to your foresight in providing this wire that General Middleton was enabled to send his despatches direct from the camp, and receive his replies there.

I append a list of the offices we worked with, and the distances between them:

*Qu'Appelle.*

Fort Qu'Appelle.....	18 miles
Touchwood.....	46 "
Humboldt.....	81 "
Clarke's Crossing .....	58 "
Battleford.....	93 "

*Branch line.*

Clarke's Crossing, Prince Albert... ..82 miles

Yours respectfully,

JOHN LANSKAIL.

TORONTO, Ont., September 23rd, 1885.

H. P. DWIGHT, Esq.,  
General Manager G. N. W. Tel. Co.

DEAR SIR,

The following is a detailed statement of services rendered by me in the capacity of Military Operator during the late rebellion. Received orders, March 31st, to proceed with all haste to scene of trouble. Left Toronto April 1st for the North-West via Chicago, arrived at Winnipeg on the 5th, remained there while reels for wire, etc., were being made; on afternoon of 7th accompanied Queen's Own Rifles, Winnipeg to Qu'Appelle, arriving there the following morning. Reported to General Middleton from that point for orders. Orders read: "Proceed to Fort Qu'Appelle and await further instructions." I arrived at the Fort, 14 miles distant, the same evening, and worked in the office there until the 10th, when I received orders to proceed with the Grenadiers, 10th Royals, under command Lieut.-Col. Grasset, who were then marching past.

I reported to the Colonel and marched with him, made myself as useful as possible, and secured as much information as could be obtained in any way en route.

I cut the wire every night and opened up communication between our column and the General who was two days' march ahead of us; received orders, etc., after pitching camp every night, and before breaking camp in the morning, all along the

line of march up the trail between Qu'Appelle and Humboldt. Col. Grassie and other officers were highly delighted with the service and frequently commented upon the usefulness and importance of this connection. Upon our arrival at Humboldt April 15th, I received instructions from the General to remain there for further orders. The General's orders at this time being under orders for Clarke's Crossing.

I found matters in rather an unsettled condition at Humboldt it being a very important Telegraph and Supply Station. I was kept very busy and for several weeks during Fish Creek and Battleford engagements, I being absent but to work about day and night. Humboldt was the station to which scouts and couriers brought despatches from Prince Albert, Battleford, along the Saskatchewan, Fish Creek, etc.

The Governor-General's Body Guard, commanded by Lieut. Col. Denison, arrived at Humboldt May 20th where they remained to guard supplies, etc., until close of rebellion. Lieut. Col. Denison and Cols. O'Brien and Tyrwhitt, of 12th and 25th, who arrived shortly afterwards, well supplied with latest news, and obtained for them as much information as possible from the battlefield, during the campaign.

Soon after being stationed at Humboldt, I saw I would have great difficulty in keeping the line up and in working order, it was in a very bad state in that vicinity, especially between Humboldt and Clarke's Crossing. As soon as the first cause out of the ground interruptions occurred which interfered seriously with communication at a very critical time, I did my utmost to keep line working through, went out to repair it frequently. About time fight at Fish Creek was in progress, the line was in such bad condition between Humboldt and Clarke's Crossing, I considered a thorough repair between these points necessary, and suggested to the General that I should have it done. He at once approved of my suggestion, and placed a transport team at my service. I secured an operator to take my place for a few days, obtained assistance and went over the line personally, cut and drew poles 25 miles, and repaired 60 miles of line as thoroughly as possible. If I had not done this, communication would have been interrupted for several days. Battleford and other important points would have been cut off entirely during height of excitement.

Herewith, please find a detailed account of my expenses while on active service as military operator, also a statement of line troubles, repairs made, &c., during the time I was stationed at Humboldt.

I received orders from the General on the 21st July that my services were no longer required that I could proceed homewards. After waiting for transport, and driving 160 miles to Qu'Appelle, I could not arrive in Toronto before 5th August. Please calculate my salary up to that date, and oblige

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS PIKE.

W. C. No. 676.—Lt. Jas. Christie, pay for services with Rocky Mountain Rangers, \$445.99, and travelling expenses, \$47.25. This officer was authorized in March last to proceed from Ottawa with Captain John Stewart to the North West for the purpose of organizing the Rocky Mountain Rangers. From some cause, his name was omitted from the first Pay List, and although entered in a subsequent one, he had failed to sign the receipt, consequently the Paymaster struck out the amount. It is therefore recommended that he be paid for 103 days at \$1.58 and forage and rations for the same period, in accordance with the agreement entered into with the Honorable the Minister, amounting in all to \$445.99 and for travelling expenses \$47.25.

W. C. No. 677.—W. J. Horn, Saskatoon, for hire of horse and carrying despatches to Clarke's Crossing and return, as certified to by the Deputy Surgeon General, \$18. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 688.—David Storey, Winnipeg, for rent of stable for guard room, etc., \$50 (being \$25 per month for two months); the agreement was for \$10 per month.

Li-Col. Scoble informed the Acting Deputy Adjutant General, that the whole premises would be available if required for stabling horses, the building was taken on 10th April, given up by Li. H. G. Bate, Supply Officer, on the 25th or 29th of the same month, see that officer's memo. on claim, consequently Mr. Storey would only be entitled to \$70, but as there appears to have been some damage done, and as the stables were subsequently occupied by horses of the Halifax Battalion, without ~~any~~ authority, the claim of \$80 is objected, and the balance \$20 recommended for payment:

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 90.

OTTAWA, 16th January, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 672.—M. M. & D. A. 2983.—Capt. R. H. Bonnycastle, Midland Battalion, for necessaries furnished to his Company on departure to the North-west, \$42.18, recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 673.—M. M. & D. A. 2978.—Major Wm. King, D. P. M., \$8.50, and Capt. J. Gallaway, \$11.96, hotel expenses, Ac., Kingston to Belleville and return, attending Medical Board, both amounts recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 671.—M. M. & D. A. 2356.—Lieut. J. L. Miller, for pay while serving at Swift Current as Staff Adjutant under General Laurie, \$463.96. On referring to the Royal Warrant regulating pay of such appointments, Part I Par. 170, it is shown that 5s. Sig. per day, in addition to Regimental pay and allowances are authorized. The Commission therefore recommend payment on the following basis:—

Regimental pay per day.....	\$1.55
Field Allowance, " ".....	.62
Subsistence, " ".....	.72
Staff, " ".....	1.50
	4.42

This makes a reduction of.....\$213.02

Leaving a balance of \$250.94, which is recommended for payment.

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 91.

OTTAWA, 18th January, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT (SUPPLEMENTARY.)

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 417.—Collingwood and Lake Superior Steamship Line (Canada Transport Co.) for demurrage, or estimated profit on engagement to carry troops from Port Arthur to Collingwood, \$21.36. This claim was previously reported upon on 24th October last, Mr. Barlow Cumberland, Manager of the Company, having requested a reconsideration of the case, that gentleman came before the Commission, by appointment, to-day, producing copies of telegrams re the transport of troops by the steamer "Campana" from Port Arthur. The ship's log having also been produced, showed she was at Port Arthur on Sunday, 19th July, at 11 A. M., as agreed upon, and remained until 6 P. M. the following day.

The Honorable the Minister had directed that the York and Simcoe Battalion (356 strong) should be transported by this line, but, owing to change of time of departure from Winnipeg by C. P. Railway, this Corps reached Port Arthur 24 hours in advance of the time agreed upon, when it became necessary to continue the journey by C. P. R. Steamship. It was then arranged to send the Montreal Garrison Artillery by the Collingwood Line, in lieu of the York and Simcoe Battalion, but, for some unexplained cause, this Corps also embarked on C. P. R. Steamship, leaving the "Campana" to continue her trip, after waiting 36 hours, with but half a cargo, which she had brought from Duluth, with the view of leaving ample room for the accommodation of the troops. The claim is for the profits on the transport of 356 men, \$2136. As the steamer went down partly light, and the damages and cleaning, which would have necessarily followed the transport of troops, were saved to the Company, and the running expense otherwise reduced. The Commission consider compensation on the strength of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, viz: 299 at half the amount claimed or \$3.00 each should be sufficient, thereby making a reduction on claim of \$1239 and recommending payment of the balance, \$897, in full settlement. It may be further remarked that Mr. Beatty, Manager of the C. P. R. Steamship, stated to one of the Commission (Lt.-Col. Whitehead) that he notified Lt.-Col. Oswald that the Montreal Garrison Artillery were to embark on the "Campana,"—to this Lt.-Col. Oswald objected, and marched his men on the C. P. R. Steamship.

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. H. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 92.

OTTAWA, 20th January, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 713.—Lieut. R. L. Wadmore, "C" Co. Infantry School Corps, for

difference between a Captain's and a Lieutenant's Field allowance, whilst acting in the former capacity at the front, \$26.78. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 670.—M. M. & D. A. 2979.—Lieut. Wadmore, "C" Co. Infantry School Corps, for extra pay for certain men under his command, whilst on active service, for balance due, \$80.70. Deducted for Brigade appointments not authorized, \$39.80. The balance, \$40.90, is recommended for payment.

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

Basis of settlement for Transport C. P. Railway, as proposed by the Commission on War Claims.

1. Over all finished portions of the road for officers and men, two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) the regular passenger rates.

Horses to be in proportion to the passenger rates, as compared with the Grand Trunk Railway charges. Freight to be the regular C. P. R. rates.

2. From Biscotasing to Port Arthur, 461 miles, 10 cts. per mile per officer and man, the number of miles actually marched by men and horses over the gaps to be deducted. Freight to be in proportion to passenger rate, but charges for handling baggage, building fires, guides, or charges of any other kind, except subsistence, shall not be allowed.

3. For the return (Eastward) from Port Arthur to Biscotasing, 461 miles, two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the rates of No. 2.

All other portions of the line the same as No. 1.

MEMO.—This charge of ten (10) cts. per mile, to include the Montreal Garrison Artillery, who passed over the road all rail, but before the road was operating. This is allowed the Company to average the heavy cost per mile in moving the first body of troops which Mr. Schreiber states would cost in some places as high as seventeen (17) cents.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

I concur with the above recommendations, except that relating to the Montreal Garrison Artillery going west, and the return of the Troops, which, I think, should be 5 cts. per mile over the unfinished portion. See my reasons attached.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

A comparative statement for the transport of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, 299 Officers and men, and 4 horses.

THE C. P. RAILWAY CLAIM.

Montreal to Biscotasing, 532 miles .....	\$ 5,593.60
Biscotasing to Port Arthur, 461 miles.....	15,137.80
Port Arthur to Winnipeg, 429 miles.....	3,848.13
Pullman for Officers.....	288.00
4 horses, Port Arthur to Winnipeg.....	50.00

\$24,917.53

Proposed rate at 5cts. over unfinished portion, but continuous rail.

Montreal to Biscotasing, 532 miles, at 2 cts.....	\$ 3,181.36
Biscotasing to Port Arthur, 461 miles, at 5 cts.....	6,892.00
Port Arthur to Winnipeg, 429 miles, at 2 cts.....	2,565.42
Pullman for Officers.....	288.00
4 horses, Port Arthur to Winnipeg.....	50.00
Add for Extra Freight ...	2,353.90
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	\$15,330.68

If road were completed.

Montreal to Biscotasing, 532 miles, at 2 cts.....	\$ 3,181.36
Biscotasing to Port Arthur, 461 miles, at 2 $\frac{5}{100}$ cts.....	3,680.69
Port Arthur to Winnipeg, 429 miles, at 2 cts.....	2,565.42
Pullman for Officers.....	288.00
4 horses, Port Arthur to Winnipeg.....	50.00
Add for Extra Freight.....	2,353.90
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	\$12,119.37

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

OTTAWA, January 21st, 1886.

Referring to the claims of the C. P. Railway for transport of Troops, stores, etc., I would respectfully submit the most liberal construction should be put upon all transactions carried out by that Company.

It has been stated all work (between Biscotasing and Port Arthur, 461 miles) by Contractors and others ceased during this service, but the Company have not given number of teams employed, number of men thrown out of work and under pay, or number of days the work was interrupted.

Some of the Supply Officers say the teams were only withdrawn when actually required for use of Troops, and immediately returned to work of construction, after crossing the particular gap on which they were engaged; they also say very few men, exclusive of teamsters, were provided by the Company, and the fact the gaps grew shorter as each Corps arrived is proof the work did not cease. Therefore most respectfully submit the ten (10) cents per mile, and increased rate for freight for the period before the tracks were united, with half those rates subsequently, should be ample to meet all incidental losses. It may be stated the Montreal Garrison Artillery was the only Corps transported westward after this date, consequently the five (5) cents per mile would only apply to the transport of that Corps, and the ones returning by the North Shore after the 15th July, and before the road was declared open.

The comparative statement re the transport of the Montreal Garrison Artillery attached shows the large sum a six company corps cost to proceed only as far as Winnipeg.

I may here mention Mr. Drinkwater stated, in presence of the Commission, it cost about one thousand dollars to run a passenger train from Montreal to Winni-



peg, consequently their proposed charge of \$24,917.53 for one corps appears exceedingly large.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

The Honorable SIR A. P. CARON, K.C.M.G.,  
Minister of Militia and Defence.  
Ottawa, Ont.

P. S.—It may be added the Troops were returned by the North Shore route, for the benefit of the C. P. Railway; the recommended 5 cts. per mile going east per man, and proportional increase for freight, being nearly double full first class rates. There were three lines of steamers from Port Arthur and two lines of railway east of the Lakes, the whole of the Troops could have been sent by those routes, for two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) the regular rates, viz., 2 cts. per mile, or two-fifths ( $\frac{2}{5}$ ) the amount recommended.

### REPORT No. 93.

OTTAWA, 21st January, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. 702.—M. M. & D. A.2940.—Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Co. for hire of team driven by Samuel Tees, \$300, as the price for teams was reduced from \$10 to \$8, day after the 1st May, the overcharge of \$2.00 per day, amounting to \$60, is deducted and the balance, \$240, recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 714.—Claims of various Hotelkeepers, in Port Arthur, for meals furnished the troops en route to northwest and return, amounting in all to \$671.50 recommended for payment in full. Cheque to be made in favor of the Town Treasurer of Port Arthur; a list of the claimants shewing amounts due to each to be sent him with the request that he will make the payments in accordance therewith and return receipts.

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member. —

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

### REPORT No. 94.

OTTAWA, 22nd January, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 452.—M. M. & D. A.3096.—H. Walter Smith, transport service, \$96, teams having been reduced, in price previous to date of this service and actually

working for \$4.50, and \$5.00 a day, it is recommended that the rate be reduced to \$6 a day, taking off \$24, the balance, \$72, is recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 488.—Geo. Monilau, Calgary, for hay supplied, \$380. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 563.—Jos. Walker, conveying Lt.-Col. Ouimet, by quick transport from Calgary to Edmonton, starting on the 10th May, 1885, with 4 horse team, for which 33 days are charged at \$20 per day, \$660. A letter from Lt.-Col. Ouimet, attached, states that owing to his ill health the team was kept waiting from day to day, about one week, and after arrival at Edmonton, the horses being somewhat used up, were placed on duty between that place and Fort Saskatchewan, by Captain Hamilton, Supply and Transport Officer. As only a few days were consumed in the trip for which the horses were engaged, the balance of the time was the usual service except the week waiting doing nothing (during Lt.-Col. Ouimet's illness), for which that officer was responsible, and not the man who supplied the team; therefore, it is recommended that the price be reduced to \$12 per day, taking off \$264. The balance is recommended for payment, viz.: \$396.

W. C. No. 651.—Robert Tate for Courier service between Col. Irvine, at Prince Albert and the General, \$72. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 658.—Major Dugas, 65th Battalion, travelling expenses and doctor's bill, \$219.30. The doctor's bill, \$61.30, is disallowed, the balance, \$158, is recommended for payment as a special case under Par. 997, R. & O., it being distinctly understood no further claim shall be made for compensation or gratuity on account of illness contracted while on active service in the Northwest Territories, as, from Dr. Beausoleil's certificate attached to claim, it appears claimant was not in good health when he left his home.

W. C. No. 662.—Wm West, for use of horse for Edmonton Volunteer Co., \$4 Recommended for payment in full

*Report approved.*—A. P. C.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 95.

OTTAWA, 23rd January, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 686.—M. M. & D. A. 3038.—H. J. Donnelly, Ottawa, application for grant of Scrip for services as Scout.

General Order No. 1, dated Ottawa, 24th July, 1885.—Sets forth Scrip or Land "may be granted to each member of the enrolled Militia Force actively engaged and bearing arms in the suppression of the Indian and Half-breed outbreak, and serving west of Port Arthur." As the applicant was not enrolled, but was engaged on special service, at a high rate of pay, his case does not appear to come within the meaning of the General Order.

W. C. No. 202.—J. S. Beeson per C. K. Beeson, for services as Supply Clerk at Qu'Appelle, &c., \$117. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 1.—Bell, Lewis & Co., for hauling freight by the ton \$5093.24, and for hire of teams at \$5 a day \$1625.

It being necessary to make deductions to cover rations and forage supplied by Government (in accordance with terms of contract) upon all stores hauled by the ton in this account as well as in previous accounts the following amounts are deducted, viz:

716½	tons	@	\$10.00	=	\$7,165.00
100½	"	"	7.50	=	753.75
½	"	"	6.50	=	3.25
3½	"	"	5.50	=	17.87
66½	"	"	3.75	=	249.35
9	"	"	2.25	=	20.25
19½	"	"	1.00	=	19.50

					8,228.97
Less deducted from previous voucher.....					2,985.30
					<u>5,243.67</u>

*Summary.*

Total amount of the two claims.....	6,718.24
Deduct above amount	<u>5,243.67</u>

Balance.....1,474.57

—This balance is recommended for payment in full of all claims. A copy of this report to be forwarded to Bell, Lewis & Co., with the cheque.

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.  
E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.  
W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

REPORT No. 96.

OTTAWA, 26th January, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. 13 and 283.—Account No. 42 M. M. & D. A. 2562.—D. A. Starr, for horse lost, \$175. Reported upon on 10th October, 1885.

The Commission, by permission of the Honorable the Minister, having reconsidered their previous report, and additional evidence having been adduced, also certificate from Captain Wm. Brittlebank, there appears no doubt the claimant was a member of French's Scouts, and lost his horse on service, and not through his own carelessness, and therefore recommend payment of \$100, being full amount allowable under R. & O., Par. 1004, making a reduction on claim of \$75.

*Approved.—A. P. C.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.  
E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
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EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 97.

OTTAWA, 28th January, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

The following claims of contractors for balances due on teams furnished the Transport Service having been under consideration, and legal advice having been taken, the Commission are of opinion they should be paid in full, viz:

- W. C. 255.—B. C. Corbett per Chas. H. Newton, \$421.  
 W. C. 380.—Jas. H. Ross, \$2086, and Thos. Bull, \$610.  
 W. C. 402.—D. McGregor, \$4679.75.  
 W. C. 402.—W. R. Robertson, \$3106.  
 W. C. 402.—D. H. Gillespie, \$3903.  
 W. C. 402.—J. G. Turriff, \$354.

*Report held over.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
 Chairman.  
 E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
 Member.  
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## REPORT No. 98.

OTTAWA, 28th January, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 696.—M. M. & D. A. 2826.—Lt.-Col. Evanturel, 9th Batt., for allowance in lieu of rations, \$92. The reports attached to this claim from Staff Officers who served during the Rebellion show rations were drawn by the Officers of the 9th Battalion, consequently the Commission do not recommend payment.

W. C. No. 669.—M. M. & D. A. 3027.—E. S. Andrews for land grant, for service in Ferry and Transport Department. It was considered that the special service on which he was engaged did not come within the General Order No. 1 dated Ottawa, 24th July, 1885, relative to the granting of Scrip or Land for Military services in the North-West Territories.

W. C. No. 716.—Mulholland Bros., tin cups, forks, plates, spoon, etc., \$33.56.

The Commission being aware that the articles claimed for were delivered to the Winnipeg Light Infantry when they were being fitted out for service, recommend for payment in full.

W. C. No. 718.—M. M. & D. A. 3110.—Private Tuft "C." Co., Infantry School Corps, compensation for loss of kit, \$12.25. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 668.—M. M. & D. A. 2926.—Major Boulton for Capt. G. Campbell, for horse hire and pay, \$119.56. Disallowed for second horse \$91, less \$1 a day allowed for 8 days not included in pay list. Taking off \$83, the balance, \$36.56, is recommended for payment. See remarks of Lt. Col. Whitehead at end of Report.

W. C. No. 631.—M. M. & D. A. 2486 and 2922.—Major General Strange, claim for kits lost at Fort Pitt by Alberta Field Force. The voluminous papers connected with these claims have been carefully considered. The articles claimed to have been lost by the N. W. M. P. appear to have been put in for the purpose of accounting for those articles, with the view, no doubt, of a new issue from their own stores in lieu of those lost on service. Steele's Scouts and the Alberta Mounted Rifles enumerate the articles, but give no price, and these men are now scattered. It is not probable many could be found, and as the evidence taken before the Board is not by any means conclusive, and leads to the belief that the claims are much exaggerated, the Commission think the claims of these two Corps should be held in abeyance. The Winnipeg Light Infantry were fully fitted out by the Government in April, at time of organization. They received extra socks and some other articles at Battleford; and were served with a new outfit of underclothing and trousers at time of disbandment, consequently they have been fully compensated for any losses.

One man, Private Sullivan, No. 3 Co., claims to have lost a watch and razor which he values at \$20.50. This claim might remain in abeyance.

The claims for the following officers for private property appear to be reasonable, and payment is recommended in full:

Lt.-Col. Osborne Smith, C. M. G.....	\$27.50
Major J. Lewis.....	6.00
Assistant Surgeon, S. J. MacAdam.....	12.00
Captain W. R. Pilsforth.....	5.00
	\$50.50
Total claim of this Corps.....	416.10
Amount reduced.....	365.60
	\$50.50

Recommended for payment as above.....\$50.50

W. C. No. 667.—M. M. & D. A. 3056.—Private W. Cook, "G." Co. Midland Battalion, for boots and meals, \$9.50. Price of boots, \$4, disallowed, the balance, \$5.50, for subsistence, recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 717.—P. Burden, posting bills for 91st Battalion \$6. Deduct over-charge of \$2, as per certificate of Lt.-Col. Scott, the balance, \$4, is recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 693.—M. M. & D. A. 2297.—Walter Andrews \$6.80, and Wm. Ferguson \$6.80 for transport expenses incurred when called out for active service. Recommended for payment, as a special case.

W. C. No. 703.—M. M. & D. A. 2923.—E. Langtry, Solicitor, claim for working pay by Pioneers of Q. O. R., while at Battleford, \$315. Pioneers are enlisted for this special duty, and are supposed to be employed at all times, while on service, with pick, shovel, etc., consequently the claim is rejected.

— Hold W. C. No. 668.—Balance Report approved.—A. P. C.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

I concur in this report, with the exception of the recommendation in the case of W. C. 668.—M. M. & D. A. 2926.

I consider that Captain Campbell is entitled to the full amount of his claim, inasmuch as he is spoken of by the G. O. C. as having done scouting service, and

thereby saving the expense of a Scout, the amount claimed is for 91 days' use of an extra horse, at \$1 per day, which, as a special case, I think should be paid.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 99.

OTTAWA, 1st February, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT.

For consideration of the Honble. the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 675.—Geo. Arkle, Regina, for rent of office at Swift Current for Transport Department, \$9. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 725.—Chas. Little, V. S., attending sick horse for S. L. Bedson, \$30. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 683—M. M. & D. A. 2771.—Letter from J. W. Welsh of Kinisteno relative to his claim for transport service. The claimant was a sub-contractor under, W. R. Sinclair, who has been paid for the freighting referred to, and in all probability has paid his sub-contractors; if not, they should look to Sinclair for settlement. Rejected.

W. C. No. 665.—Graham, Horne & Co., Port Arthur, M. M. & D. A. 3021.—Claim of Steamer "Prussia," for transport of Troops by order of Lt.-Col. Oswald, \$150. If Lt.-Col. Oswald had authority from the Honble. the Minister to telegraph for the Steamer "Prussia," to convey his brigade a distance of five miles over the only gap he had to cross, and over which his men could have marched in one and a half or two hours, the claim would appear to be a just one; but as no such authority or details of service or detention are given, and as the Steamer was not used, the Commission cannot recommend payment.

W. C. No. 682.—M. M. & D. A. 2945.—Rev. J. W. Tims, compensation for 3 boxes of books destroyed by Indians, \$300, and one bale of clothing, \$200, together \$500. The loss appears to have been the result of shipment by the wrong route. Although there is nothing to shew from where forwarded, it is presumed it was from Winnipeg. The Government should not be held responsible for errors in private transactions of this nature; the agents, shippers or transport company would appear to be responsible. Rejected.

W. C. No. 685.—M. M. & D. A. 3048.—J. A. Pelkey for tent sold to Richard Vigers, Acting Mayor, of Port Arthur, \$250. This tent was used at Red Rock as a stable by teamsters. As the C. P. R. Co. provided the teams for the transport of Troops across the gaps, on the north shore of Lake Superior, including all expenses connected therewith, this is not a claim against the Government. Rejected.

W. C. No. 697.—M. M. & D. A. 2938.—Gowanlock and Laurie for two oxen taken possession of by Troops at Fort Pitt, valued at about \$90, each (according to the letter of Geo. G. Maury, dated Onion Lake, Fort Pitt, 28th Oct., 1885, attached to claim). Recommended as follows:—the Department of Militia to pay for one ox used for beef by the Winnipeg Light Infantry, \$90, and claimant to be notified to apply to the Indian Agent for the return or payment of the ox left in his charge.

W. C. No. 687.—M. M. & D. A. 2914.—Edm'd. Wragge, Honorary Secretary Red Cross Ambulance Corps, Toronto, \$95, for tent which was the private property of the Corps, but left in charge of Gen. Laurie, Swift Current, and forwarded by that Officer down the South Saskatchewan to Telegraph Coulee, where it was used to protect Government stores, and became the property of the Government. Payment is therefore recommended in full.

W. C. No. 664.—M. M. & D. A. 3023.—Wm. Scanlan, Prince Albert, 19 days carrying despatches, \$57. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 603.—M. M. & D. A. 2727.—Lt.-Col. Houghton, D. A. G., claim for pay while on active service, \$1,090.88. This claim having been referred to the G. O. C., that officer says £1 10s. stg. per day is the full pay of a D. A. G. on service with, in this case, \$1 added for field allowance. As the latter sum has been paid previously, and as the G. O. C. directs that any other pay of which the claimant is in receipt shall be deducted, the amount is made up as follows:

64 days @ \$7.30.....\$467.20

The Major General Commanding having approved of the original recommendation of the Commission, the balance of \$467.20 is recommended for payment.

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 100.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5th, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

For consideration of the Honble. the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

*Re W. R. Bell. W. C. G. 141. 645. 646.)*

The legality of W. R. Bell, a transport officer, purchasing and selling hay to the H. B. Co. for use of N. W. F. Force, having been referred for legal opinion, the Commission submit herewith an extract touching this question, from which it appears Bell's actions were legal, consequently he would be entitled to the amount of his claim, \$5,569.55, less \$500 per day overcharge, paid through the H. B. Co. on teams furnished by him after the first of May, \$430, leaving a balance of \$5,139.55 due Bell.

Extract from legal opinion:

"The Company made a contract with Mr. W. R. Bell to supply certain hay at \$25 per ton, under which contract Mr. Bell delivered a quantity of hay, and was paid therefor.

Mr. Bell at the time was Transport Officer, in receipt of \$8 per day and pay allowance, but it is admitted that, as Transport Officer, he had no duty with respect to the purchase of hay or other supplies.

It is stated in the papers that the Hudson Bay Co. were acting as Agents for the Government, but that is an assumption which ought not to be made under the agreement with that Company.

In respect of this contract, however, that distinction does not seem to be important.

The Minister, who has had this matter under consideration, is of opinion that whatever may be thought of the conduct of an officer who takes means to raise the market price of the goods which the Government is obliged to purchase, the Go-

vernment is bound to pay to the Hudson Bay Co. the price agreed on for the purchase of the hay, by them, provided that, in agreeing for such price they are buying as cheaply as possible, and provided there was no collusion between the Hudson's Bay Co. and any one else, to enhance the market price, so as to make it appear that the Company was buying as cheaply as possible in paying the exorbitant price."

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 101.

OTTAWA, 5th February, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 726.—M. M. & D. A. 1954.—Geo. H. Bradbury, for services and expenses in connection with the North-West expedition, \$424.70. Mr. Bradbury was authorized by the Honorable the Minister to proceed to the North-West to assist Lord Melgund in organizing a Mounted Corps 250 strong, and he was provided with transport requisition through the United States in order to expedite his movements.

On reaching Winnipeg he found Lord Melgund had gone forward. The Minister then authorized him, through Lt.-Col. Jackson, to join Lord Melgund, which he did, but found no opening for appointment, the Corps not having been organized. Mr. Bradbury then took charge of a Transport Convoy from Humboldt to Fish Creek, after which, as he says, on the advice of Lord Melgund, he returned home. Payment is therefore recommended of his expenses, and 60 days' pay as Captain. Deducted \$70.80, overcharge of pay, and \$42.50, paid at Qu'Appelle, leaving a balance of \$311.40, which is recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 82.—McNeill Bros., Calgary, meals to 65th Battalion, \$48. The certificates being now satisfactory, the claim is recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 654.—P. Rutherford, Winnipeg, \$2,620, for consequential damages on account of teamsters leaving his employ and engaging on Militia Transport Service. No teams were pressed into the Government service, but came voluntarily; if they broke any previous engagements with private parties they should be held responsible, not the Government. Rejected.

W. C. No. 723.—North-West Transportation Co., \$2,550, for loss sustained by not conveying the 7th Battalion from Port Arthur to Sarnia. There is nothing to show that any contract or agreement existed under which this Corps should go by this line. The Halifax Battalion was conveyed by this line. This Corps being very strong, and conveyed by one boat, the profits would be almost equal to transporting two ordinary Corps on different boats; it is therefore considered that the Company did not sustain loss, in any case they would not be entitled to damages. Rejected.



W. C. No. 647.—R. Dewitt, per G. G. Mills, Winnipeg, labor removing stores at Saskatchewan Landing, \$6.25. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 337.—D. Lamoreaux, Transport Service between Edmonton and Fort Pitt and Calgary, \$744, deduct \$2 a day on last sixty days; teams generally having been reduced to \$6 a day from that period; taking off \$120, the balance, \$624, is recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 595.—M. M. & D. A. 2663.—Department of Indian Affairs relative to claim of S. B. Lucas, Indian Agent, at Peace Hills, for supplies to Troops, \$1,477.48. Recommended that the entry warrant in favor of the Department of the Interior be now issued for the amount claimed as per letter of the Deputy of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs annexed.

W. C. No. 526.—S. B. Lucas, Peace Hills, expenses incurred looking for beef cattle to supply troops, \$112.60. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 728.—Alexander McLean, Edmonton, extra services carrying despatches from Fort Pitt to Battleford, \$100. This man was engaged at Edmonton with 20 others, at \$5 a day by Major General Strange, to float the scows down the North Saskatchewan; pay to continue till his return to Edmonton. At Fort Pitt he was used to carry messages to Battleford, and now claims extra pay. Claim rejected.

W. C. No. 719.—H. Nash, for demurrage or detention of teams at Swift Current, \$25. There was no contract for conveyance of any particular quantity of goods; a portion of stores were ordered back to Winnipeg, and a portion went on to Battleford at high rates. It is not probable the teams were detained specially for these stores, as they appear to have been at Swift Current waiting for any freight which might offer payment cannot be recommended. Rejected.

W. C. No. 700.—M. M. & D. A. 2909.—John Richardson, Warden County of York, Toronto, for boots and underclothing presented by the County Council to the 12th York Battalion, previous to their departure to the North-West \$1,059.

On the 12th May, 343 pairs of boots were issued to the York and Simcoe Battalion, on the ground that they had not been previously provided by the Government. As the boots and underclothing were given to the men as a present it does not appear reasonable that the Government should be called upon to recoup the County. Rejected.

W. C. No. 56.—M. M. & D. A. 3103.—R. W. Dulmage, Saskatoon, logs of house used for fuel by Troops at Clarke's Crossing, \$40. The Deputy Minister of Justice says this claim should be settled by the Department of Militia, and not by the Department of the Interior; there is nothing to show the size or condition of the logs claimed for, nor is there any supporting evidence. Payment cannot therefore be recommended. Rejected.

W. C. No. 89.—M. M. & D. A. 3103.—Thos. Lee, Calgary, damage to crops by cattle, owing to removal of fences by Troops for fuel, \$200.

The Deputy Minister of Justice says this is a fair claim against the Department of Militia, and not the Department of the Interior.

As the property and fence appear to have belonged to the Government, and as the Commission cannot see how a crop of onions and cabbage could have been sown in the N. W. T. in April, they cannot entertain the claim. Rejected.

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 102.

OTTAWA, 6th February, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

Re H. B. Co.

The Commission having had under consideration the various accounts current and statements presented by the Hudson Bay Co., and, after having gone through the extended annotations of Major Guy, who audited the accounts, and also examined many of the vouchers, find considerable sums of money, and many goods have been supplied on requisition or certificates of various officers, whose authority does not appear clear, and as these requisitions have been honoured in many instances, without having been supervised or approved by a competent authorized officer, irregularities must necessarily have occurred, but as the H. B. Co. acted in apparent good faith, and with the view of rendering prompt assistance to the Troops, and as they were not, perhaps, in a position to know where to draw the line, the Commissioners think the whole claim should be dealt with in the most liberal manner, consequently attention will only be called to such items as appear to be quite inadmissible.

It was understood the Company should give the Government the full benefit of their extensive organization, which of course includes officers, clerks, etc., etc., all over the North West Territories and Manitoba; goods furnished from their own stores were to be given at wholesale prices; those purchased for ready cash, and cash payments for supplies, or, on account of transport, were to be placed at a commission of five per cent. There being no written contract, it may be difficult to define fully what the liberal allowance of five per cent. on such a large transaction should cover, but it would appear the Honorable the Minister considered it ample to cover all expenses, and this would appear reasonable when such large quantities of goods on hand were disposed of at regular wholesale prices. The Commission, therefore, beg respectfully to submit the following:

## STATEMENT No. 6.

Voucher No. 416.—Subsistence of officers of the 9th Battalion while on a pleasure trip to the Rockies \$77.50. The Commanding Officer of the Corps should be called upon to refund to the Department.

Vouchers Nos. 468 to 606.—Or twenty in all, of \$10 each, \$200, bonus to teamsters at Calgary. These teamsters were in receipt of large pay, and ought not to expect a bonus for using extra exertion at times.

The Commission have not recommended claims of this nature, believing bonuses to rest entirely with the Honorable the Minister or those who have his special authority; but as these have apparently been paid in good faith attention is merely called to the items.

Voucher No. 47.—Prince Albert, 3 cattles tobacco, \$54, to Lieut.-Col. Montizambert for the use of the men of his Battery. The Officer commanding the Battery should be called upon for repayment to the Department.

Voucher No. 49.—Prince Albert, 10 cattles tobacco, \$180, for use of men of the 90th Battalion, receipted for by Lieut.-Col. MacKeand as for repayment. That officer should be called upon to refund to the Department.

## STATEMENTS Nos. 7 and 8.

Voucher No. 708.—Edmonton,—tobacco, \$21, should be charged to 65th Battalion, and the Officer commanding that Corps called upon for a refund to the Department.

## STATEMENT No. 9.

Voucher No. 738.—Qu'Appelle, \$423 paid Mr. Rigby, clerk to Mr. R. Crawford, acting as Paymaster to the H. B. Co. The five per cent. commission should cover all expense for paying out money. This man was not in the employ of the Government, consequently the item should be disallowed, together with the five per cent. making \$444.15. Rejected.

Account No. 1.—Fourteen Pay Lists, amounting to \$21,156.46, Major Bell and other employees. A Departmental Paymaster had been stationed at Qu'Appelle and provided by the Government with ample funds to meet all such calls. These pay lists should have been presented to that Officer for payment.

The H. B. Co. had been notified the Government had provided for payment and their officers at the station knew it was the Departmental Paymaster's duty to pay, consequently the five per cent. commission charged on the payment should be deducted, amounting to \$1,057.82, which is recommended.

## STATEMENT No. 13.

Voucher No. 711.—Calgary, straw hats and helmets \$100.77, for the 9th Battalion. Supply Officer Woolsey paid for one lot of helmets, and the Corps (including officers) was supplied from Government stores, Winnipeg, with white helmets by order of the Director of Stores. The Officer commanding the 9th Battalion should be called upon to refund this amount to the Department.

## STATEMENT No. 15.

Goods in Depot at Winnipeg, \$7,197.37 (this account, as originally rendered, \$8,600.87, had previously been rejected, shows a portion of the goods as having been disposed of by the claimants). The Honorable the Minister authorized supplies for sixty days from the commencement, consequently there ought not to have been any reserve in Depot after the expiration of that time, and surely not as late as the 25th September, consequently payment cannot be recommended. Rejected.

## STATEMENT No. 16.

Account No. 278.—\$157.50 for hay, no receipt for delivery; refused by Supply Officer, at Qu'Appelle, it being damaged. Bain, Blanchard & Mulock, lawyers, at Winnipeg, gave an opinion the Company were liable to the Contractors. On this authority they paid, but it is for the Hon. the Minister to say if the military rule of refusing damaged supplies shall be maintained. If the Minister concurs in maintaining the rule, the Commission recommend the rejection of the claim, adding freight from Minnedosa \$92.20, and also 5 per cent. charged on the payment, \$7.87, making a total of \$257.57 disallowed.

## STATEMENT No. 18.

Account of Bain, Blanchard & Mulock, law costs, drawing contracts, advice, etc., \$965.56. This claim was submitted to the Hon. the Minister of Justice for assessment, and reduced by him to \$500.46. In accordance with the agreement between the Hon. the Minister and the H. B. Co., supplied by legal opinion, this expenditure is covered by the 5 per cent. commission, consequently the amount charged, \$965.56, is recommended to be struck off.

## STATEMENT No 19.

Interest on balances from 15th September to 7th December, \$1,978.44. This should be disallowed, on the ground the Company would sell goods on contract to the North West Mounted Police Indian Department or reliable traders on credit, or a discount for cash; large sums were advanced by the Government, from time to time, as early as 9th May. Four hundred and sixty thousand dollars had been advanced in this way, on which no interest has been allowed.

The Commission think these advantages should balance each other, it is therefore recommended the item be disallowed. Rejected.

The sum of \$4,900.00 having been deducted from claims of the Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Co., to cover \$2 per day per team, subsequent to 1st May, and paid by the H. B. Co.; also \$430.00 from W. R. Bell, in a similar manner, thus reducing teams after 1st May from \$10.00 to \$8.00 per day. It appears but reasonable the 5 per cent. on such over-pay, amounting to \$266.50, should be disallowed, which is recommended.

Expense account \$3,282.30, made up as follows:—

Travelling expenses.....	\$ 740.35
Salaries and office expenses at Troy and Moosejaw.....	1,020.50
Printing special forms (to facilitate the Co.'s work, no doubt).....	148.85
Expense at Railway Depot, forwarding special shipments.....	32.50
Express charges on parcels of currency forwarded to various points for payment of teamsters, etc.....	1,176.45
Telegraphing at Fort Qu'Appelle .....	163.65

The telegraphing, \$163.65, is recommended.

The five per cent. commission should cover the other charges. It was understood the Company's whole organization was at the disposal of the Government, consequently it is recommended \$3,118.45 be disallowed.

On or about the 17th May, Capt. Swinford, Supply Officer at Qu'Appelle, reported four car loads of hay for which he had given requisition for the transport, had proved bad, and requested the freight, amounting to \$220.80, should be recovered. This letter was forwarded by Lieut.-Col. Whitehead to the Commissioner of the H. B. Co. It is presumed each car contained ten tons, the price charged on May 8th was \$17.50 per ton. As this hay was not accepted by the Supply Officer, and as the Company had been notified by Lieut.-Col. Whitehead not to pay for hay before acceptance, it appears but reasonable the freight and value of this hay should be deducted from the Company's Account, as follows:—

Freight, four cars.....	\$220.80
40 tons of hay at \$17.50 per ton.....	700.00
5 per cent. commission on the hay.....	35.00
	<u>\$955.80</u>

#### RECAPITULATION.

Amount of balance claimed, account current "A" No. 19, January 12, 1886.....\$76,648.64.

#### DEDUCTIONS RECOMMENDED.

Voucher No. 738, Mr. Rigby.....	\$ 444.15
Account No. 1-14, pay lists 5 per cent.....	1,057.82
Statement No. 15, goods in Depot.....	7,197.37
Account No. 278, damaged hay.....	257.57
Statement No. 18, Bain, Blanchard & Co.....	965.56
“ “ 19, interest on balance.....	1,978.44
Commission of 5 per cent on over-payments to Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Co. and W. R. Bell.....	266.50
Expense Account.....	3,118.65
Deduct for freight and damaged hay about 17th May.....	955.80
	<u>\$16,241.86</u>
	<u>\$60,406.78</u>

The balance \$60,406.78 is recommended for payment.

The question of paying interest and charges on drafts, as charged in account current No. 15, having arisen, the legality would appear to depend upon the arrangement or understanding between the Hon. the Minister and the Hon. D. A. Smith, on behalf of the H. B. Co. In the absence of a written agreement the

question appears one for the Hon. the Minister to determine; should he decide the 5 per cent commission covers this expenditure a further reduction of \$6,497.33 should be made, leaving the balance, \$53,909.45.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

### REPORT No. 103.

OTTAWA, 10th February, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 705.—Winnipeg and Western Transportation Co. use of barge for Troops and stores at Medicine Hat and Swift Current, \$540. Lumber supplied at Fort Pitt, \$132. Bedding Supplied Hospitals \$37.50, and bedding for sick soldier 65th Battalion, \$10.30. All recommended for payment in full.

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

### REPORT No. 104.

OTTAWA, 10th February, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 738—Dr. Wm. Nattrass, transport expenses, Battleford to Swift Current, \$70. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 739.—A. H. Clark, Hospital Steward, Prince Albert, for drugs \$140.43. it would appear that this man ordered drugs, toilet articles, etc., from W. J. Mitchell of Winnipeg, as a private speculation. It is stated these goods were lost en route; but there is nothing to show that the Government was responsible for the loss; consequently, payment cannot be recommended.

W. C. No. 704.—M. & D. A. 2965 2nd Batt. Q. O. R., Toronto, for expenses incurred in calling out the Regiment for North West Service, \$5,429.06. It appears this Corps was not provided with necessaries by the Department before leaving

Toronto, but certain articles had been given to the Corps by the City Council of Toronto, similar to what was given to the 10th Royal Grenadiers.

The claims for allowance in lieu of rations (4 days while on duty before leaving, and three days after returning), is reduced to 25cts. per day, the same as allowed other corps, under like circumstances. The amount of the different items allowed is as follows:—

1. Account transportation.....	\$56.10
2. Ambulance and hospital stores.....	56.34
3. Butcher's knifo, steel, &c.....	6.03
4. Revolvers, holsters, &c., disallowed.....	
5. Hardware for Pioneers.....	51.93
6. Camp kettles.....	160.00
The D. A. G. should be instructed to have these kettles returned into store.	
7. Seven days' subsistence while in Toronto, 285 officers and men @ 25cts..	498.75
8. Allowance, in lieu of kit and necessaries, same as granted the 10th Royal Grenadiers 265 men, @ \$8.15 per man.....	2,159.75
Recommended for payment.....	2,988.90
Making a reduction on claim of.....	<u>2,040.16</u>

It is further recommended that the allowance in lieu of kit, \$8.15 per man, be paid through the Deputy-Adjutant General of the District, on receipt of pay lists, properly signed by each man.

W. C. No. 737.—Geo. S. Clouston of Battleford, \$2,050, for prospective loss of saloon business and breakages in removing household effects to barracks. There is no supporting evidence, nor does it appear to be a claim against the Government. No doubt, the claimant with his family, if he had one, was fed by the Government during the period, and, instead of asking for damages, should refund the value of rations consumed. Rejected.

W. C. No. 513.—T. P. McHugh for 75 cords of wood, at \$6 per cord, \$450, ordered by Major-General Strange for use of troops at Calgary. After considerable correspondence with various officers, and having taken the evidence of Mr. McHugh, under oath, the claim is considered a just one, and is therefore recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 388.—M. & D. A. 2368.—Capt. J. Peters, "A Battery," for uniform and other clothing lost en route to Battleford, N. W. T., \$225. This claim has been held over for several months, hoping that the case containing the articles would be recovered. Strickland & Sons' price list, sent by Capt. Peters, shows he has charged full credit prices, certifying that the articles were as good as new. The Commission recommend payment at prices for which the articles can be replaced for cash, viz:—10 per cent. discount, on condition that Capt. Peters guarantees to refund to the Department the then value of the lost articles which he may hereafter recover:—\$22.50 is therefore deducted, and the balance, \$202.50, is recommended for payment.

*Report approved.*—A. P. C.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
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W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
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EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

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**REPORT No. 105.**

OTTAWA, 12th February, 1886.

**WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.****REPORT.**

For consideration of the Hon. the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

The following claims are recommended to be referred to the Department of the Interior for settlement, viz. :

W. C. No. 573.—T. W. Robinson, carrying despatches for Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, \$75.

W. C. No. 663.—E. Quantell, goods taken by Indians, \$18.

W. C. No. 660.—J. C. Gilchrist, goods taken by Indians, \$209.

W. C. No. 684.—M. & D. A. 2640.—This is not a claim, but asking for correct receipts for ponies, carts, etc., handed over by Mr. Riddle of the Department of the Interior, to Wm. White, Transport Officer, Swift Current, for use of the Department of Militia and Defence. Letters of explanation being attached, the papers appear to be in a position to return to the Department of the Interior.

W. C. No. 39.—M. & D. A. 3103.—B. B. Larivière, for goods supplied to Moose Mountain Scouts for distribution to Indians, \$60.50; to be referred to Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.

W. C. Nos. 731 and 732.—M. & D. A. 3103.—Louis R. St. Louis, \$49; and Chas. Adams, \$25 for clothing, etc., destroyed at Fort Carlton and Prince Albert.

The Deputy Minister of Justice is of opinion that this claim should be referred for settlement to the Comptroller, N. W. M. P.

W. C. No. 615.—Charles Bremner, for loss of furs, etc., \$6,426.56.

W. C. No. 691.—M. & D. A. 3031.—John N. Lake, of Toronto, presenting claims of J. P. Lake and J. F. Lake, for losses sustained at Clarke's Crossing, \$1,147.50 and \$150.

W. C. Nos. 721 and 722.—Wm. Stobart, of London, England, for loss of property at Loon Lake, \$22,400.50 and \$16,223.

W. C. No. 727.—Orran E. Fell, Regina, for ox and articles stolen by Indians, \$176.

W. C. No. 708.—Arch'd W. D. Reeve, for goods taken from his store, at Green Lake, N. W. T., \$1,746.15. There is no proof in support of claim, nor anything to show by whom the articles were taken.

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

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—Chairman.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
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W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 106.

OTTAWA, 15th February, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 446.—St. Albert Mounted Rifles. The amount recommended in previous report of 5th November last was considered fair remuneration for the services rendered; but, if the Government hold themselves responsible for agreements entered into by the Commanding Officer at the post, the balance, \$3,423.48, as per statement attached, should be paid as a special case.

W. C. No. 446, St. Albert Mounted Rifles, amount of claim for:

Scouts.....	\$ 240.00
“ .....	150.00
	<u>\$ 390.00</u>
Subsistence for officers.....	52.08
Albert Carrighen, for hire of horses.....	180.00
Pay List No. 1.....	542.75
Do. 2.....	5,501.75

\$6,666.58

LESS.

Amount paid on Pay List.....	\$2,473.60
Do. Hudson Bay Co.....	280.00
Do. of Albert Carrighen's claim for hire of six horses, which it would appear the men drew pay for.....	180.00
Deduct the following men's pay, twice entered for the same period, namely:—	
M. Gray,..... 12 days, @ \$1.75	57.00
J. B. Pepin,..... “ “ 4.75	57.00
J. Courlpote,..... “ “ 3.50	42.00
J. B. Billcourt,..... “ “ 3.50	42.00
A. Cunningham,..... 5 days, “ 4.80	24.00
J. B. L'Lerondelle,..... “ “ 3.50	17.50
X. L'Lerondelle,..... “ “ 3.50	17.50
Jos. Gray,..... “ “ 3.50	17.50
J. Chalefort,..... “ “ 3.50	17.50
J. O'Donnell,..... “ “ 3.50	17.50

— — — 3,243.10

Unpaid balance.....\$3,423.48

Approved.—A. P. C.

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**REPORT No. 107.**

OTTAWA, 16th February, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 309 and 649.—The Winnipeg and Western Transportation Co. The Chairman having had an interview with the Honorable the Minister and the Commissioner of the Hudson Bay Co. claim for service of steamers as follows:—

"Marquis" from 23rd April to 1st May.....	\$2,000
"Northcote" from Prince Albert to Grand Rapids and time dismantling.	2,250
Demurrage of "Northcote" at Fort Pitt.....	1,000
	<hr/>
	\$5,250

After having considered the various claims and reports it was concluded to pay \$2,212 in full of the claim, showing a reduction of \$3,038.

Approved.—A. P. C.

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E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
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Secretary.

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**REPORT No. 108.**

OTTAWA, February 16th, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 733—H. B. Company's accounts. The Honorable the Minister and the Commission of the H. B. Co. having had an interview (the Chairman being present) re the balance of their claim as follows:

Balance of account.....	\$76,648.64	
Freight on hay.....	134.00	
Rent.....	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$77,032.64
Deduct as recommended.....	\$16,241.86	
Deduct Bank charges.....	6,497.33	
Freight on damaged hay.....	134.00	
Rent at Edmonton.....	250.00	
Divide	2) \$23,123.19	
	<hr/>	\$11,561.59
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		\$65,471.05

It having been concluded to close the account on the above basis it is recom-

mended \$65,471.05 be paid in full settlement, the Hudson Bay Company to retain the goods in Depot for which \$7,197.37 has been charged, but which were never accepted by the Government.

*Approved.*—A. P. C.

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W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
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EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

### REPORT No. 109.

OTTAWA, 17th February, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 747.—John C. McLaren, Montreal, for water bottles, \$2,025; having examined a sample of the water bottles and interviewed Mr. D. K. McLaren and Lt.-Col. Macpherson, who stated there was no contract signed, but the price of 49½ cents mentioned, Mr. McLaren subsequently charging 75 cents; stating that the water-bottles cost more than he expected and that the actual cost price was 67 cents, payment of the latter price, namely, 67 cents, is recommended, amounting to \$1,757.41, making a reduction of \$267.59.

*Approved.*—A. P. C.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
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E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
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W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

### REPORT No. 110.

OTTAWA, 20th February, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 656.—Wm. Henderson for extra days teaming, compensation for horse destroyed and for loss of time through illness of horse, and for a further number of days pay at \$8 over what was considered ample for returning home,

\$606. The time-notes on which payments to teamsters were made were issued by officers fully competent, and were to the satisfaction of the parties receiving them at the time; and, as claims for injured or dead horses are inadmissible according to legal opinion, this claim is rejected.

W. C. No. 746.—M. & D. A. 3227.—H. Heigham for pay as Acting Surgeon and Supply Officer to Cavalry School Corps from 1st August to 12th September, \$167.70. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 743.—Captain John Stewart, R. M. R., for the following disbursements: John Hay, blacksmith's account, \$30.75; Ed. Ranch, 4 saddles, \$135; Galt & Co., 900 rounds of ammunition, \$33—in all \$198.75. Recommended for payment in full. Captain Stewart to furnish receipts from the separate claimants.

W. C. No. 741.—M. & D. A. 3215.—Lt.-Col. Wyndham, York & Simcoe Battalion, expenses incurred in organizing 4 companies for North-West service, \$78.35. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 78.—M. & D. A. 3103.—Cummings, Calgary, for hire of 2 teams for use of Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, General Middleton and others, \$25. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 413.—Moise St. Denis, for service as guide with a company of 65th Battalion, Red Deer to Edmonton, \$20. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 650.—Jas. Horne, personal railway fare, freight on 2 horses and bonus for extra work \$22.55 charge for extra work \$2, disallowed; the balance, \$20.55, is recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 641.—Thos. Howard, transport of supplies, Saskatchewan Landing to Battleford, \$376.25. Deduct \$10 per ton for subsistence, according to contract, \$31, leaving a balance of \$345.25. While examining contracts, and taking evidence upon oath at Winnipeg, the Commission discovered that the \$10 per ton to cover subsistence provided by the Government had not been deducted from previous claims; the accounts having been rendered in all cases without showing this reduction, as per contract, as follows:—

On 337 <del>2000</del> tons, at \$10 per ton.....	\$3,373 30
Less previously deducted for oats consumed ...	99 70
	\$3,273 60
Less amount of present claim.....	345 25
	\$2,928 35

showing a balance due by Thos. Howard, as above, of \$2,928.35. Major Guy has on the request of the Commission called upon Mr. Howard to correct this error, and it is recommended that a refund be insisted upon. See remarks of Lt. Col. Whitehead at end of Report.

W. C. No. 450.—Roynolds & Tripp, transport service between Houghton and Touchwood and Qu'Appelle, 34 days, at \$7, \$238. The time-notes show only 33 days; over-charge for one day, \$7, is therefore deducted, and the balance, \$231, is recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 115.—Lieut. Corgell, Steele's Scouts, compensation for injury to horse while on active service, \$60. Reported upon on 23rd September last, and was reconsidered by permission of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence. It was not previously known that the claimant was a graduate of the Royal Military College and a Lieutenant in the Militia; such being the case, he comes under the Regulations and Orders, and is entitled to compensation under paragraph 1004. The proceedings of the Board are attached to the claim and the full amount claimed, \$60, is recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 208.—A. McDonald, Winnipeg, for pay advanced to Lac la Biche, Scouts, \$162.50. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 752.—M. & D. A. 2443.—Letters and papers from N. W. M. Police Department relative to claim of A. C. McDonell, Calgary, for horse taken posses-

sion of at Fort Pitt, \$150. This claim was presented to Lt.-Col. Forrest, Paymaster N. W. F. F. in September last, for payment, but as he was aware that the Government were not bound to furnish Major Steele nor any of the members of this Corps with horses—there being a special agreement to the contrary—the documents were forwarded to Major Steele for an explanation, which that officer returned (see his letter annexed to claim) to the effect that the Militia authorities had nothing whatever to do with the payment of this horse and that it was a matter altogether for settlement by the North-West Mounted Police. It is therefore recommended that the docket be referred back to the Department North-West Mounted Police with copy of above remarks.

W. C. No. 680.—M. & D. A. 2955.—J. Belanger for expenses incurred by him in taking charge of a sick mare attached to "B" Battery, \$47. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 115.—Edward Cole, trooper Steele's Scouts, for loss of horse, \$140. This horse was taken over by Veterinary Surgeon Duncan at Fort Pitt, and subsequently sold at Battleford on account of Government. The proceedings of a Board are attached to the claim, with copy of Mr. Duncan's receipt for the horse; the claim has been held over for the purpose of getting the original, which has been lost or mislaid. A letter attached from Major Steele, dated Battleford, 16th January, 1886, appears to leave no doubt that the horse was disposed of, as above stated, consequently it is now recommended \$100 be paid under R. and O., paragraph 1004, making a reduction of \$40 on claim.

W. C. No. 750.—Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Co. for 1 grey mare purchased, \$225. In the absence of any agreement as to price, it is considered that \$200 would be a fair value for this horse, and is recommended for payment, taking off \$25 from the claim.

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

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E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
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EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

I concur in the preceding report, with the exception of that portion referring to W. C. No. 641, Thomas Howard, for transport of supplies. With regard to this matter, I respectfully beg to bring to the notice of the Commission, that Mr. Howard reported that he used ox-teams as well as horse-teams, and did not draw full rations. He admits having received forage, but in consideration of his services in ferrying the 175 discharged teams from the north to the south side of the Saskatchewan, thereby saving the Government \$1200 per day,—the forage was considered an offset. The wire ferry had been carried away by the high floods, and to bring the Government teams across the Saskatchewan, Mr. Howard's barge had to be utilized. Mr. Howard had the option of furnishing his own rations, and receiving full contract price, or drawing rations and forage from the Government at \$10 per ton less than the full contract price. If Mr. Howard did draw a certain amount of rations and forage, the Supply Officer should be called upon to report, and if Mr. Howard has a claim against the Government for ferrriage, he should lay the same before the Commission.

E. A. WHITEHEAD, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 111.

OTTAWA, 24th February, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT.

For consideration of the Honorable the MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 745.—Dominion Express Co. for transport of horse and buggy of J. H. Pearson from Winnipeg to Qu'Appelle, \$100, on 18th April, 1885. Originally this account was rendered at \$125. Two telegrams dated 17th April, from W. R. Bell and J. H. Pearson respectively, show that the horse and cart were ordered to go by first freight. These telegrams were disregarded and the trap sent by express on the following day. Mr. Drinkwater's telegram attached shows that the freight charges would be about \$34, which sum is recommended for payment; taking off \$66.

W. C. No. 753.—Chas. Ffolliott, Brandon, for blankets taken by Ambulance Corps for use of wounded at Cut-Knife Creek, \$12. Recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 26, Account No. 5.—Heny & Co., Ottawa, balance of account for waist-belts, etc., \$299.85. The original claim, amounting to \$539.50, was reported upon on 11th September last, and \$239.65 recommended for payment.

By permission of the Honorable the Minister is now reconsidered. The account, as originally presented, was for 250 waist-belts, sheaths and knives for Rocky Mountain Rangers, and was reduced in number to correspond with the strength of the Corps. Capt. Stewart now explains the whole number were used by making shoulder-belts out of those not required for the waist, which enabled the men to carry 60 rounds of ammunition instead of 30 rounds, the belts being now in Government Stores at McLeod.

Capt. Stewart offers to pay for the 125 knives, \$25, which sum deducted from \$299.85 leaves a balance of \$274.85, which is recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 590.—G. L. Dodds for grocery supplies, \$51.54. No. 591.—W. D. Perley, tent, \$9. No. 592.—James P. Dill, clothing, \$21.50,—all articles purchased for use of Moose Mountain Scouts, reported upon on 12th November last, and now reconsidered by permission of the Honorable the Minister. A letter from T. W. Jackson with affidavits having been attached, it appears these articles were supplied in good faith, and as there is no doubt they were used by the Corps while on service it is now recommended that the respective claims be paid in full as special cases.

W. C. No. 653.—Thos. E. McWilliams, freighting from Clarke's Crossing to Moosejaw \$25. Recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 756.—J. A. Kerr, Regina, for one Winchester carbine, 5 boxes of cartridges, and reloading tools, furnished to Dr. Roddick, \$49.75. It appears that certain of the Medical Staff were ordered from Swift Current to Battleford at a time when the journey was considered extra hazardous, the trail being that on which Poundmaker captured a convoy of supplies. The Surgeons felt it necessary to have some protection, and were provided with this rifle and ammunition for that purpose. The claim is supported by an order from Major Rickards, Supply Officer, dated Swift Current 26th April, 1885. Payment is therefore recommended in full.

W. C. No. 283, Account No. 46.—Richard N. Broderick, M. & D. A. 2562 (of Steele's Scouts), for horse taken possession of at Fort Pitt, and subsequently sold on account of Government, \$150.

By permission of the Honorable the Minister, this claim is now reconsidered. A letter from Capt. Oswald and an affidavit by F. W. Warren attached leaves no doubt as to the facts. Capt. Oswald states the horse cost \$100, which sum is recommended for payment, making a reduction of \$50 on the claim.

W. C. No. 40.—Mrs. Philomène Beaupré of Gleichen, N. W. T., for powder, etc., \$70.50, taken by order of Major-General Strange, previously reported upon and rejected. By permission of the Honorable the Minister, the claim is now reconsidered.

A letter from Major-General Strange of 8th and 12th Feb., 1886, respectively, and one from J. E. Flaherty, agent C. P. Railway, show that Major-Gen. Strange was in error as to Mrs. Beaupré selling ammunition to the Indians. It was owing to this rumor the goods were taken possession of by the Military, and payment refused. It now appears that the powder was made up into cartridges for 9 p'r. M. L. R. Guns, consequently a fair claim against the Militia Department, and the full amount, \$70.50, is recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 414—Thomas P. McHugh, of Calgary, N. W. T., \$1,020 for hire of one 4-horse team at \$12 per day. This claim had been reported upon and rejected on the ground that there were some doubts as to the team having been in Government service during the period claimed for. By permission of the Honorable the Minister the claim is now reconsidered. Declarations by T. P. McHugh and John Meagher respectively appear to leave no doubt about the team going out with a Government convoy from Calgary on or about 8th April, 1885, but there appears to be a doubt as to whether the team was kept continuously at work.

During a period of six days after the team returned from Red Deer to Calgary the teamster was sick, consequently those days are deducted, and as all teams were reduced in price after 1st June, and to cover the doubt as to continuous work, it is considered that \$9 per day for 79 days would be ample; \$309 is therefore deducted and the balance, \$711, recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 757—M. & D. A. 2658.—Lyman, Sons & Co., Montreal, \$691.66 for drugs, &c., supplied the 65th Battalion. This Corps was hurriedly equipped for active service, and the Surgeon considered it necessary to have a suitable supply of medicines and instruments (none having been provided previously), ordering the same from Lyman, Sons & Co., without first procuring a requisition from the proper Staff Officer. This irregularity occurred no doubt through the want of knowledge regarding the regular routine, but there is no doubt the articles were received by the Corps, and fortunately the quantity was sufficiently large to allow of a distribution to various other Corps in the North West, who were without similar supplies, as shown by the Surgeon's report.

The Commission do not think officers should be allowed to make purchases, except in cases of emergency, without authority from the proper Staff Officer, but traders do not generally know whose order should be honored, consequently ought not to suffer for irregularities of this nature. The claim, \$691.66, is therefore recommended to be paid in full.

It is further suggested that the D. A. G. of the District be instructed to have balance of articles returned into District or Dominion stores.

*Report approved.—A. P. C.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

W. H. FORREST, Lt.-Col.,  
Member.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

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## APPENDIX No. 4

to the Special Report of the Department of Militia and Defence, of 18th May, 1886, upon matters in connection with the suppression of the Rebellion in the North-West Territories, in 1885.

**MEMORANDUM** re remuneration to Edmonton Volunteer Co., St. Albert Mounted Infantry and Scouts, and certain claims from Edmonton district, for supply of beef and hiring of teams, in reply to enquiry from Department of the Secretary of State, No. 3976, on petition of H. W. McKenny et al, dated Edmonton, Alberta, 25th January, 1886.

1. There is no claim from the Edmonton Volunteer Co. The petition says the men enlisted in other corps, and engaged to run flat boats down the river with Major General Strange's column. This service was paid for at high rates through the Hudson's Bay Co.

2. The St. Albert Mounted Infantry and Scouts had been paid in full, the cheque having been sent through the Revd. Father Lestane.

3. There is a small pay list of six names for two different services. There is no place designated, nor anything to show where the services were performed, nor where the men live; but they are supposed to be at Edmonton. As men have sometimes been returned in two capacities on same dates, and drawn pay through the Hudson's Bay Co., this has been looked on as a doubtful claim, and so no action taken upon it.

4. Edmonton Home Guard.—Home Guards have not been paid. In this instance the captain drew pay as a supply clerk, at \$3.50 per day, and it is understood the men were employed at high rates, building boats for General Strange's column. A copy of the report of the Commission on this case is attached.

Teams were paid \$8 per day, up to 1st June, after which the rate was reduced to \$6 per day on the Calgary trails, and to \$5 per day on the Qu'Appelle and Moose Jaw trails; in both cases teamsters and horses were rationed by the Government.

The price of beef was calculated on the basis offered by I. G. Baker & Co., at Calgary, at 6 cents per lb., live weight and about 2 cents additional to drive to Edmonton in herds of about 100 head. Gallagher supplied beef at Battleford (where it is more difficult to procure) at 17 cents per lb. Mr. Strachan reported beef selling at Edmonton, by retail, at from 14 cents to 18 cents per lb., the latter price being for choice cuts.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT, Secretary,  
OTTAWA, 2nd March, 1886.

**EXTRACT** from Report of the Commission on War Claims dated 5th November, 1885, on W. C. No. 291, Edmonton Home Guard's pay list, \$557.24.

It is observed that the officers and some of the men were in receipt of pay in Supply Department, and moreover, if this claim were allowed, all of the Home Guard's, similarly organized, including one at Winnipeg, would be entitled to claim pay.

*Rejected.*

## REPORT No. 112.

OTTAWA, 2nd March, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 763.—Letter from Rev. Geo. Lloyd, Penetanguishene, late Chaplain Queen's Own Rifles, asking to have his rank recognized from date of General Orders (24th April, 1835) authorizing the selection of chaplains by the respective corps, and for permanent pension on account of severe injuries received on service.

Mr. Lloyd was a graduated divinity student, fully licensed to read and preach. At the outbreak of the rebellion, on the 28th March, 1835, he volunteered for service in the University Company, and in addition to doing duty as private, by permission of his commanding officer, and the desire of the men, he also discharged the duties of chaplain.

On reaching Winnipeg, after having been severely wounded at Cut Knife, he was ordained, which goes to show he was fully competent to discharge the duties as contemplated by the General Order referred to, which gives each battalion power to make the selection regardless of qualification.

Officers of various ranks were appointed by commanding officers as occasion required during the campaign, who were invariably paid from date of appointment, although not qualified or gazetted.

It therefore appears no more than just and reasonable that the Rev. Mr. Lloyd's appointment should be recognized from the 24th April, 1835, and that he should be paid as chaplain from that date, which is most respectfully recommended; any pay which he may have received while in the discharge of other duties to be deducted.

With regard to the other questions raised, it is understood the G. O. C. has made recommendations which meet the case.

As the wound appears much more serious than at first contemplated, it is further most respectfully recommended that the Rev. Mr. Lloyd may be permitted again to go before the medical and military boards, for further examination, after the period for which a gratuity may have been granted shall have expired, with the view of determining whether or not his name should be put upon the permanent pension list.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 118.

OTTAWA, 13th March, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 236.—North-West Navigation Company. Claim for detention of two steamers and three barges at Grand Rapids, awaiting arrival of troops from Prince

Albert, \$11,651.50. After having consulted with the General Officer Commanding, the following is respectfully submitted:—

The telegrams sent from Fort Pitt on 22nd June, by Major-General Sir F. Middleton, only asked if the company could have steamers sent him in ten or twelve days (not eight days).

On the strength of this message William Robinson telegraphed Sir Frederick, at Fort Pitt; on the following day, 23rd, that steamers would meet him in eight days. On the 24th the General asked, from Fort Pitt, if the steamer "Glendevon" could not be sent with the other two, which shows that no orders for the transport had then been given.

Notwithstanding this Mr. Robinson hurried off the boats, knowing well that the troops could not reach Grand Rapids for several days after the arrival of the "Colville" and "Princess," which shows the anxiety for having the boats placed in commission, with the object, no doubt, of drawing, if possible, a large sum from the Government to make up for a season's business which had been almost, if not altogether, *nil*. It is believed the usual practice of these boats is to leave Selkirk for Grand Rapids, on being advised by telegram of departure of steamer from Prince Albert, by which (except through stress of weather) close connection is made.

On July 8th Sir Frederick telegraphed Capt. Robinson, from Prince Albert:—"Leave this place at noon; hope to be at Grand Rapids in three days." This is the first definite information on which any business man could act. Consequently the boats ought not to have left until this date, which would have given ample time to meet the troops as required.

It appears, however, the troops did not reach Grand Rapids until the 12th July, one day after that specified by the General, consequently if demurrage is admitted, only one day can be claimed.

The claim, as originally presented, covering everything connected with the trip, in one lump sum, amounted to about \$14,000.

Lt. Col. Whitehead considered this charge excessive, and returned the account, requesting that the items be inserted. The claim was then returned with items, making up the enormous sum of \$21,069.

In this account full first-class fares (\$9 each) are charged and allowed for 145 officers, although two-thirds of the number were on the barges with their men, in a very uncomfortable position; and full second-class fares (\$5 each) for 1,440 men, although a great part of them were packed in barges as close as sardines. One hundred dollars also was allowed for conveying the wounded from Selkirk to Winnipeg, a distance of about twenty-three miles; also all other claims for damaged bedding, extra passengers, &c.

The Commission having taken all these circumstances into consideration, and knowing there was no commercial trade during the season for these boats, and further, having been informed by a prominent official of the company that out of the amount already paid by the Government, a profit of about \$5,000, or over 100 per cent., had been made on the one trip, considered that the company had been amply, and, in fact, over paid for the service performed.

It is customary for all transport companies to carry troops for two-thirds the regular rates, which, owing to the large number, pays much better than ordinary traffic. It was therefore considered by the Commission that by allowing the above liberal rates which have already been paid, no claim for demurrage could be entertained.

*Report approved.*—A. P. O., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,

Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

(By telegraph from Fort Pitt, 22nd June, via Straubenzee.)

To DRUMMOND BROS.,  
North-West Navigation Company,  
Winnipeg.

I hope to be soon moving troops to Winnipeg by the lake. Can you have steamers to meet them, say in about ten or twelve days from this? Probable number of troops, roughly given, a thousand men and fifty horses. I suppose I must ration the men for the trip?

FRED. MIDDLETON,  
Major-General.

(Copy of telegraph sent Major-General Middleton.)

WINNIPEG, 23rd June, 1885.

To Major-General MIDDLETON,  
Fort Pitt.

Three barges and two steamers will meet you in 8 days, at Grand Rapids, and await arrival of troops. Would prefer not to board more than 200 men. Reply if this will answer?

WM. ROBINSON,  
General Manager.

(By telegraph from Fort Pitt, 24th June, 1885.)

To WM. ROBINSON,  
General Manager Navigation Company.

Can you not arrange to have the steamer "Glendonon," as well as your own two and barges? All I want is, that the men may have arrangements for cooking tea, &c. Can you arrange to have the cooking for officers done? Number of officers will be given you in a few days.

FRED. MIDDLETON,  
Major-General.

## REPORT No. 114.

OTTAWA, 26th March, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

#### FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 749.—Boyd & Crowe, Winnipeg, for conveying 348 officers and men from Saskatchewan Landing to Clark's Crossing, at \$20 each—\$6,960.

This firm had a contract for conveying stores by the ton down the river. The Government sent men, lumber and other material required for the construction of temporary or rough scows from Winnipeg to Swift Current by special train, at great expense, for the benefit of this firm. This same material was also transported by teams paid for by the Government, from Swift Current to Saskatchewan Landing.

Ten or twelve scows were built in the cheapest possible manner, just sufficiently strong to make one trip and to carry 20 tons each.

These were loaded with 23 tons each, and were manned by the 7th Battalion, 261 strong (not 348 as stated in claim), who worked the scows down the river. This arrangement was made by Major-General Laurie; and, as the contract had been arranged partly through the Hudson's Bay Co., Mr. Wrigley, the Commissioner, when here a few weeks ago, stated it was understood no charge was to be made for the transport of the men, as they did all the work and went through great hardships in being in the water daily to float the scows, which were almost constantly running aground on account of the loads being largely in excess of their tonnage.



This caused great loss to the Government, as the stores had to be frequently thrown overboard or left on the bank, where they were not recovered.

It was also understood by Maj.-Gen. Laurie that no charge was to be made for the transport of the men, as they were to work their passage.

It may be mentioned here, that Boyd & Crowe were paid by the ton for the quantity loaded on the scows, regardless of the great shortage when delivered at Clark's Crossing.

This claim was informally laid before the Commissioners just as they were adjourning.

They were unanimous in declaring it most unreasonable, and would recommend its rejection in the strongest terms.

*Report approved, 29-3-'86.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

### REPORT No. 115.

OTTAWA, 26th March, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 618.—Boyd & Crowe, Winnipeg, for lumber and material used in constructing two grain shoots at Saskatchewan Landing, \$135.25.

This lumber and material were sent from Winnipeg to Swift Current, for this firm, by special train, with the lumber, &c., used for construction of scows, and by Government teams from Swift Current to Saskatchewan Landing (29 miles by waggon), at great expense to the Government. This firm had a contract to convey freight by the ton from Saskatchewan Landing to Clark's Crossing.

If these shoots were constructed for the purpose of loading the scows, which is believed to be the case, they cannot be chargeable against the Government. If for other legitimate purposes outside the tonnage contract, the actual value of the articles at Winnipeg, and the cost of labor, could only be recommended after receipt of proper vouchers, as to number of days' work in building the shoots, and value of material at Winnipeg; all of the charges being considered excessively high.

*Report approved, 29-3-'86.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 116.

OTTAWA, 2nd April, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 245.—Thomas Hastings, for services as storeman at Red Deer River; balance of claim, \$85. This amount having been deducted from his original claim of \$247.50.

Mr. Alex. McGibbon, who was supply officer at Calgary, states in a letter attached, dated 6th March, 1886, that he engaged Hastings at \$3 per day; other men could have been got cheaper, but knowing Hastings to be a reliable man, he was selected.

When this claim was considered by the Commission, \$3 a day was thought too high, as compared with rate paid other men occupying similar positions in that and other parts of the country, and was cut down accordingly to \$2 a day.

Mr. McGibbon's letter shows some grounds for the claim, and if too high, that officer is responsible, and not the claimant.

The Chairman does not feel at liberty to report differently to what was submitted by the Commission, without their consent; but, under the circumstances, it would appear to be a fair case for the favorable consideration of the Honorable the Minister.

*Pay.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

121 MANSFIELD STREET,  
MONTREAL, 6th March, 1886.

MY DEAR MR. OGILVIE,—Yours of the 5th instant came duly to hand. Regarding Mr. Hastings' matter, I have to say, that when the Company of the 65th, who had charge of the Red Deer Station, was ordered home, I had to send out a man to take charge of the stores there, and as it was important that a most reliable man be sent, I considered I was particularly fortunate in securing Mr. Hastings, whom I knew to be, and in whom I could place the utmost confidence. Mr. Hastings was getting \$3.50 per day from the Canadian Pacific Railway, and I promised him \$3.00, which, with rations, would be equal to \$3.50. Mr. Hastings went to Red Deer, and fulfilled the duties to my entire satisfaction.

When the Commission came to settle claims, Mr. Hastings' account was cut down \$1 per day. I explained to Col. Whitehead that I considered he was entitled to the full amount, but it was not allowed. I am of opinion that he is fairly entitled to be paid the extra dollar, and I intended mentioning this to Sir A. P. Caron, but had not an opportunity.

I could have got men to go for two and a half dollars a day, but they probably would have stolen far more than the difference. You know Red Deer is 100 miles from Calgary, and I could not keep supervision unless I had a good man.

I think when the Minister has these facts explained, he will at once put the matter right.

I am, yours very truly,

ALEX. MCGIBBON.

## REPORT No. 117.

OTTAWA, 6th April, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 706.—Donald McLeod, of Edmonton, N.W.T., \$100, for 4 carts said to

have been taken by the 65th Battalion, at Peace Hills, for the purpose of hauling water and material for barricades.

There being no officer's certificate to the claim, it was referred to Lieut.-Colonel Ouimet, who submits a report (hereto attached) from Captain L.J. Ethier, who commanded the detachment at Peace Hills, by which it will be seen that two carts only were taken. These were in bad order and required considerable repairing before they could be used, and afterwards frequently broke down, necessitating further repairs which were made by the troops; notwithstanding this care the two carts were quite used up when the detachment left the post.

Captain Ethier further states that there were some carts behind the house which were claimed and taken away by half-breed freighters; the Indian agent having knowledge of this at the time, it might be naturally inferred that he knew who the owners were. In any case the militia ought not to be held responsible for property taken in this way.

The sworn evidence of the claimant attached, shows that, although he has been at the Peace Hill farms frequently since the carts were taken, he has not made enquiries or search for those he claims as his property.

Captain Ethier also says that the price is exorbitant; but it may be inferred from the evidence of McLeod, who is thoroughly acquainted with the value of such articles in that part of the country, that the amount charged is fair for carts in their condition when taken.

It is therefore respectfully recommended that the sum of \$50 be paid for the two making a reduction of \$50 on claim.

*Approved—A. P. O., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

OTTAWA, 3rd April, 1886.

Deposition of Donald McLeod, of Edmonton, Freighter :

I had the carts at Government Farm, Peace Hills: there were thirteen of them altogether; I saw three of them in possession of the 65th, at Peace Hills, forty miles from Edmonton. They were used to haul earth to make barricades, and haul water; the officer in command there paid me \$30 for one cart, independent of this lot; they paid me for this cart and a horse they took at Battle River, by a voucher which I got cashed by the Hudson's Bay Company; the 4th cart, the box had been broken up, and the wheels were afterwards smashed; the barricades were erected on the Government Farm, at Peace Hills; I made a demand for the carts when I saw them in use, and was positively refused; I have passed the place frequently, and saw nothing of the carts, and made no inquiry about them; they were all iron-bound carts, and cost \$35 on the line of railway. I purchased them in 1883.

J. O. Killebhl, who made the affidavit on my claim, was a clerk in the Indian Department, at Peace Hills, and in charge at the time.

DONALD McLEOD.

*On Claim of D. McLeod.*

HOUSE OF COMMONS, CANADA,  
OTTAWA, 5th April, 1886.

MR. EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary Commission on War Claims.

DEAR SIR,—According to your request I have asked for a report from Captain Ethier, who was in command of the post at Peace Hill, and I have now the honor to transmit herein his said report.

Truly yours,  
J. A. OUIMET.

MONTREAL, 31st March, 1886.

To Lieutenant-Colonel OUIMET,  
Commanding 65th Battalion, M.R.R.

I have just received your letter enclosing an account from Mr. Donald McLeod, of Edmonton, for the sum of one hundred dollars, for the use of four carts by the detachment of the 65th Battalion in garrison at Peace Hill Government Farm, North-West Territory, during the last rebellion. In reply I have the honor to submit you the following report:

On arriving at Peace Hill, I found there in the camp, behind the hills, a certain number of carts,

such as are used on the prairie, all more or less used, the proprietors of which were unknown even to the Indian Agent. I had to use two of these carts which I have repaired the best I could, one to carry water from the river, the other to carry earth to make fortifications for the fort. I must say that at the end of the campaign, these two carts, in spite of being repaired very often, were of very little use on account of frequent breaking, one of them could not be used at all. The others were claimed by half-breed freighters, who have declared through the Indian Agent to be the proprietors and have authority to take them, and the agent did not object. A man whom I believe to be Mr. McLeod, afterwards came to claim the four carts in question. I told him the above facts. I had no objection to sign for him a requisition, as Commanding officer, for the two old carts which we were still using—the price claimed is certainly exorbitant, because the carts were very much worn when we took them. I am surprised that Joseph Kildell, *alias* "Big Joe," had signed and approved this account, when all the facts above mentioned were known to him. I did not know that this affair had ever been settled. These few observations will be sufficient, I think, for you to value with justice the indemnity which Mr. Donald McLeod ought to have.

LEANDRE JOS. ETHIER, Captain,  
Commanding Detachment 65th Battalion,  
At Peace Hills, North-West Territories.

### REPORT No. 118.

OTTAWA, 13th April, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 762.—Lyman, Sons & Co., of Montreal, \$319.41 for medicines supplied Montreal Garrison Artillery; \$21.53 for articles furnished the Field Hospital Corps, total, \$340.94. These claims are accompanied with voluminous correspondence, all of which go to show that the articles were actually delivered, and the balances left, after close of the rebellion, turned into Government stores. It is therefore respectfully recommended that the amount be paid in full.

W. C. No. 715.—James Collinge, M. D., Fort Qu'Appelle, \$25, for attendance and medicines supplied Pte. Gayfer, 91st Battalion.

On 22nd July, 1885, when the 91st, or Lt. Col. Scott's Battalion, left Fort Qu'Appelle to return to Winnipeg, Pte. Gayfer, who was suffering from an attack of sunstroke, and confined to bed, had to be left behind.

Dr. Seymour, the Surgeon, arranged with Dr. Collinge to take charge of the patient, whom the latter attended up to 11th August, after which Gayfer returned to Winnipeg, where he continued on the sick list until he was sent to Montreal. The latter facts are well known to the Commission. The account is certified by Lt. Col. Scott, and the charge is exceedingly reasonable. It is therefore respectfully recommended for payment in full.

*Report approved.*—15-4-'86—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D.A.G.,  
Chief-man.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

### REPORT No. 119.

OTTAWA, 13th April, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W.C. No. 779.—M. M. & D., A. 3,427 and 2,303.—Claims of troopers of Governor General's Body Guards for injuries, &c., to horses on service:—

No. 1.—Trooper Daniel O'Connell, for injury to horse, \$50.

No. 2.—Trooper Geo. O. Pearsall, for injury to horse received on the cars when returning from the North-West, \$35.

No. 3.—Trooper D. McIntyre, for horse, died from injuries received while returning from the North-West, by cars running off the track, \$125.

A Board was assembled in the usual way, by Lt. Col. Denison, Commanding the Corps; evidence was taken, and payment of the above sums recommended in full.

As the officers who composed the Board are of undoubted high character, and fully acquainted with the value of horses, there appears to be no doubt of the justice of the several claims.

It is, therefore, respectfully recommended that the first two claims be paid in full, and the third be reduced to \$100, that being the limit allowed for a trooper's horse by R. and O., making a reduction of \$25 on this latter claim. It is further recommended that the cheques be sent through the Officer Commanding the corps, to ensure the receipt of the money by the owners of the horses.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

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## REPORT No. 120.

OTTAWA, 15th April, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 761.—M. M. and D., A. 3,311.—A. J. Horsey, M.D., Surgeon late Midland Battalion, \$80, for a horse lost or stolen when the Corps was at Prince Albert.

A Board was assembled in the usual way, on the 23rd May, 1885. Proceedings attached to claim.

The evidence shows that the usual precautions were taken for the safety of the horse, and after he was missed diligent search was made, and a reward offered for his return, both of which proved fruitless.

After considering the evidence, the Board recommends the payment of the claim, as being a reasonable one. The proceedings and papers show that everything has been done in accordance with R. and O., and as \$80 is a reasonable price for an officer's charger, it is respectfully recommended that the claim be paid in full.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 121.

OTTAWA, 15th April, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 799.—M. M. & D., A. 3,355.—Corporal Thomas, No. 3 Company, Winnipeg Light Infantry.

I remember a man whose name I have forgotten, and Thomas is presumed to be the one having presented himself, showing his pass and applying for a requisition to return to Calgary.

As soldiers on leave are not entitled to travel at Government expense, a requisition could not be granted. The man referred to stated he had paid \$35, fare from Calgary to Winnipeg, and had no money to pay for the return trip; that his wife had sufficiently recovered to allow him to rejoin his Corps, which he was anxious to do, but for the want of means, as before stated, was unable to do so. As he appeared perfectly honest and straightforward, I extended his pass from time to time. The Corps having in the meantime proceeded north, when communication was almost impossible, and the expense of one man rejoining would have been very great, with no certainty of finding the Corps, which was almost constantly on the move; under these circumstances, it was only fair the man's pass should have been extended from time to time, to prevent him from being considered a deserter. It was for this purpose he occasionally called at the Brigade Office, and for no other, neither was he in daily attendance.

If this is the same man, I think he should be paid up to the time his pass was extended.

After that, I frequently saw him working in different parts of the city. As he would have been entitled to return trip had he continued with his Corps, I think it would not be unreasonable to pay him back the \$35 paid for conveyance from Calgary to Winnipeg. Should there be a balance left in the hands of the Paymaster, after paying those sums, it should be returned to the Government, with report showing the transaction in detail.

It may be further stated this man appears justly entitled to the land grant same as other active militiamen.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 122.

OTTAWA, 16th April, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 760.—M. M. & D., A 3,308—Wm. Barnes, near Fort Qu'Appelle, \$51 for care of sick horse left with him, by order of Lieut.-Col. Denison, Commanding Governor General's Body Guard.

It appears this horse was unfit to travel when the corps left that part of the country to proceed to Humboldt, consequently he was left with Barnes for safe-keeping and such attendance as the horse might require; but, as rest was the principal thing needed, Col. Denison presumes he was simply on grass during the period of about five weeks.

When Trooper Chadwick went for the horse he found Barnes working him; consequently it is presumed the horse was worked more or less during the whole period. The account of \$51 was sent to Lieut.-Col. Denison, who considered it exorbitant, and informed Barnes if he would send a reasonable claim, payment would be recommended. The claim, however, was sent direct to the Commission, who referred it to Col. Denison for report, which is herewith attached, the payment of \$25 or \$30 being considered as ample.

It is therefore most respectfully recommended that \$30 be paid in full of claim, making a reduction of \$21.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

HEYDON VILLA,  
TORONTO, 4th August, 1885.

Mr. Wm. BARNES,

DEAR SIR,—I received your letter here. I did not certify to your bill for care of Chadwick's horse, as I thought the amount too much, considering that most of the time all the horse wanted was pasture, and that you were using the horse for your own purposes. If you send me an account for a reasonable amount, that I would be justified in recommending to the Government for payment, I will certify to it and return it, and the Paymaster will pay it. Please send it in duplicate.

Yours truly,

GEORGE T. DENISON,  
Lieutenant-Colonel.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION,  
OTTAWA, 27th February, 1886.

Lt.-Col. GEO. T. DENISON,  
Commanding Governor General's Body Guard,  
Toronto.

SIR,—Application has been made to the Commission by a Mr. T. D. Jackson, of Fort Qu'Appelle, regarding fate of a claim of one Wm. Barnes, for care and keep of a sick horse of Trooper Chadwick, \$61, made up as follows:—

8 weeks at \$5 per week .....	\$40
Paid to veterinary surgeon.....	8
Medicine .....	3

The correspondence shows that the bill for this service was sent to you by Mr. Barnes, and you declined to certify to it, as you considered the charges excessive. Will you be good enough to forward the said bill here with any remarks you think well to make upon it, and also state if the horse was left with Barnes, or did Trooper Chadwick get possession of it, and if so, what has become of the horse.

An early reply is requested.

I have, &c.,

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

SIR,—In reply to above I enclose the demand made upon me by Mr. Barnes. The horse gave out with Chadwick, at Barnes', and was left behind while Chadwick moved on with the Corps to Humboldt, 160 miles distant. I had no means of sending for it for about eight weeks, and when Chadwick was sent for it, he found Barnes was using it for his own purposes. As the horse only wanted pasture for most of the time, and was used by Mr. Barnes, I thought the charge excessive. I would have certified a bill of \$25 or \$30 for his trouble and expense. The horse came home with us.

GEORGE T. DENISON, Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Commanding G. G. Body Guard.

## REPORT No. 128.

OTTAWA, 16th April, 1836.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. Nos. 537 and 561.—John Ross, jun., for loss of horses and mules and freighting supplies. Reported upon on 2nd December, 1835, but by order of the Honorable the Minister of Militia, the papers and contract were submitted to the Honorable the Minister of Justice, for an opinion as to the liability of the Government for the several claims. By this legal opinion (copy attached) it appears that the contract is different from those entered into by the Hudson's Bay Company for other similar services; and under the terms of this contract, the Government is liable for horses or mules ordered to be shot or dying from disease contracted from insufficient food or overwork. In the report of 2nd December, these items for dead horses and mules were rejected. Boards of officers were appointed in the usual way, and their reports which are attached, recommend payment as follows:—

For 1 bay horse .....	\$200
1 black mule .....	200
1 do do .....	250
1 pair of mules .....	450
1 do do .....	400
1 do do .....	450

Total..... \$1,950

As the officers who composed the Board had a knowledge of the country, it is supposed that the values placed on the animals are correct. The amounts are, therefore, respectfully recommended for payment.

The Honorable the Minister of Justice also decides the contract was canceled as shown by Mr. McGibbon's report. A reduction in the price of teams was made on or about 1st June, when the contractors and teamsters were told they could either continue at the reduced rate of \$6 for 2 horse and \$9 for 4 horse teams per day, or take their discharge.

Mr. Ross agreed to the reduction, and was paid for the service through the Hudson's Bay Company, consequently no further payment can be recommended on this item.

As to the claim for transport of stock by rail, the contract makes no provision for such a charge, which could not be recommended by the Commission.

The sum of \$1,928 having been paid already, in connection with these claims, it is now most respectfully recommended that \$1,950, as detailed above, be paid in full settlement of all claims arising out of this contract.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.



OTTAWA, 7th March, 1886.

SIR,—With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the contract with Mr. Ross, for the supply of teams, &c., dated 27th April, 1885, and the liability of the Government thereunder, to pay for dead horses and mules, I have the honor to report :—

The clause of the contract governing the liability of the Government, in respect of such losses, is as follows :—"The Government to assume all risks incurred, and to pay for all loss and damage sustained, ordinary wear and tear excepted." In my opinion this contract is clearly distinguishable from that entered into with Messrs. Armit & Kelly, through the Hudson's Bay Company, with respect to which an opinion was given by the Deputy Minister of Justice on the 23rd January last.

There is in the present case a distinct assumption, by the Government, of all risks and liability for loss and damage, "ordinary wear and tear excepted."

I am, therefore, of opinion that the Government, under the terms of the contract, would be liable for horses and mules ordered to be shot or dying from disease contracted from insufficient food or overwork.

There is another point not mentioned in the reference, but as to which Mr. Ferguson, who acts for Mr. Ross, asks for a decision in his letter to the Minister of Militia and Defence, dated the 1st ultimo, which is with the papers, viz. :—It is claimed by Mr. Ross that the written contract, being a continuing one, terminable by notice in writing, he is entitled to full rates thereunder, until such written notice of termination be given. That this is the proper construction of the terms of the contract, there can be no doubt. I see, however, that it is stated by Major McGibbon, that Mr. Ross agreed to a reduction of rates. That is, of course, a question of fact. Major McGibbon's report would, in my opinion, show that another agreement was substituted for the written contract, and Mr. Ross could only claim the rates under the latter agreement.

I return all papers connected with Mr. Ross' claim; also a copy of the contract with Armit & Kelly.

I have, &c.,

A. POWER,  
for the Deputy Minister of Justice.

WINNIPEG, 17th November, 1885.

SIR,—With reference to the claim of John Ross, I beg to report as under :—

Claim No. 1.—The amount for dead animals, I notice, Mr. Ross has reduced from \$3,700 (which he formerly claimed) to \$2,000. The evidence in these cases are attached to the documents I sent down, but I have no personal knowledge of them.

The amount of \$1,928 for teaming. I can find no entry in the books of these teams going out, and no report of any kind, unless an entry made by Captain Hamilton, on his return from the front, which was irregular, as stated in my note attached.

Claim No. 2.—The first item in this claim is \$5,208 for teaming. The amount of teaming on this occasion was \$3,224, for which Mr. Ross got a voucher, and was paid at Hudson Bay Company. This was according to my agreement with Mr. Ross, at \$9 and \$6 a day. Mr. Ross now claims \$12 and \$8, as per contract. But I distinctly told him that if he loaded it must be on the reduced rate, viz., \$6 and \$9. This was accepted by him. His teams were loaded accordingly; and on their return Mr. Ross was paid in full, as before stated, \$3,024.

The second item of \$2,025, for transporting stock from the mountains, is a new one. I never heard of this before. I don't see that the contract provides for any such expense, and it certainly should not be entertained.

The difference of extra pay, therefore, between \$5,208 and \$3,024 on teaming in claim No. 2, is.....	\$2,184 00
And the amount for transporting stock, as above.....	2,025 00
	\$4,209 00

Mr. Ross has no claim.

The amount for dead stock.....	\$2,000 00
And the amount for teaming, as per claim No. 1.....	1,928 00

only remain for the Commission to deal with. As regards the teams, Mr. Ross must furnish evidence. There is no entry of their having gone out on the dates mentioned, although the other teams which Mr. Ross got settled for are regularly registered in the books.

ALEX. MCGIBBON,  
T. & S. O.

To Lt.-Col. WHITEHEAD,  
Winnipeg.

Memorandum of Captain Ross' Teams :

	Single.	Double.
April 23, 1885.....	23	1
May 2, 1885.....	11	3
	43	4
Total.....		47
Vouchers granted and paid for single.....		43
Double.....		4
Total.....		47

When the above teams returned they were dismissed excepting :

- (4) Four double teams .....Returned 3rd June.
- (12) Twelve single do ..... do do
- (3) Three single do ..... do 20th June.

These were returned at the reduced prices, viz, \$6 and \$9, and limited to 24 days to make the trips, voucher for which service was granted and paid, amounting to \$3,024, but which Mr. Ross wishes now to claim \$5,208, as per his original contract, but which he is not entitled to, as he was distinctly told that loads were only given at the reduced rate. Mr. Ross objected at the time, but after waiting three or four days, he finally accepted my terms.

ALEX. MCGIBBON,  
T. & S. O.

To Lieut.-Colonel WHITEHEAD,  
&c., &c., &c.

Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry, held on the 13th July, 1885, to enquire into the case of two mules and one horse, the property of John Ross, dead on service.

H. F. SMITH:—I am waggon master for John Ross, who owns the animals in question; they started on Government service from Calgary, about 27th April last, in good condition and health; at Red Deer River, through forced marches and exposure to snow storm, one of them, a black mule, contracted sickness; it is since dead; the value of this animal was \$200.

At Fort Pitt, a bay mare died from distemper, contracted at Frog Lake, through wet, exposure and forced marches. She was worth \$225.

At Peace Hills, a black mule was abandoned unfit to proceed further through foot disease, contracted through wet, exposure and forced marches; value, \$250.

The Board having considered the above evidence, and having all a personal knowledge of the circumstances under which they were disabled, are of the opinion that the animals should be paid for at the following rates, viz. :—

One bay horse.....	\$200 00
One black mule.....	200 00
One black mule.....	<u>250 00</u>

G. W. HATTON,  
Major, President.

J. K. OSWALD,  
Capt. and Adjt.

JOHN D. LAUDER,  
Lieut.

Approved.

S. B. STEELE,  
Major Commanding Column.

Correct.

H. HAMILTON,  
Capt. S. O.

Proceedings of a Board of Enquiry, held at Calgary, N.-W. T., on 20th July, 1885, to enquire into the loss of one team of mules, the property of Captain John Ross, said mules being employed on Colonel Osborne Smith's column.

Evidence of Captain JOHN ROSS:—

I am the owner of the mules in question; on or about the 2nd June, while the mules were being driven in Col. Osborne Smith's column, they contracted disease which appeared to be "farcy," through exposure to wet and overwork; Colonel Osborne Smith ordered them to be sent back to Calgary, and

I received them here myself; having to go back to the mountains I left them in the charge of Chief of Police John Ingram, there being no military officers in Calgary at the time. The value of the team was \$400, and they were in good order and health when engaged by Government.

Evidence of Chief of Police INGRAM:—

JOHN ROSS.

The mules in question were handed over to me by Captain John Ross, about the first week in June; I had them examined by V. S. Scott, and he reported that they had contracted "farcy," and were so sick that he did not think they would recover; fearing infection to other stock, I ordered them to be shot, which was done.

JOHN S. INGRAM,  
Chief of Police.

Evidence of EDWARD MORRISON:—

I was the teamster engaged by Capt. John Ross to drive the team of mules in question; when I left Calgary with them, attached to Colonel Osborne Smith's column, they were in good condition and health; about two days before arriving at the Red Deer River they commenced to get sick and could not work, owing to exposure, cold from wet and over work; I had to carry troops over sloughs repeatedly, and the mules caught severe cold on that account; I was ordered by Col. Osborne Smith to take the mules back to Calgary; on arrival at Calgary I reported to Captain John Ross, the owner, and he instructed me to hand them over to John Ingram, Chief of Police; the mules were in such a state that they could not recover; they would not eat or drink; their necks and joints were all rotted away and swollen, and they could barely draw the empty waggon as far as Calgary; I am satisfied they could not have lived.

E. MORRISON,  
Teamster.

The Board having made enquiry into the loss of the mules in question, believe the facts, as stated, to be correct. They consider that the owner is entitled to the value of the team, viz., \$400.

G. W. HATTON,  
Major and President.

J. K. OSWALD,  
Capt. and Adj. Cavalry.

JOHN D. LAUDER,  
Lieutenant.

Approved.

A. B. STEEL,  
Major Commanding.  
Correct.

H. HAMILTON,  
Captain and S. O.

Proceedings of a Board of Enquiry, held at Calgary, N. W. T., on 25th July, 1885, to enquire into the loss of mules, the property of Captain John Ross, said mules being employed on Colonel Osborne Smith's column.

Evidence of H. SMITH, waggon master:

On the 27th day of April, the mules in question left Calgary with Colonel Osborne Smith's column; they were then in good order and health; at Red Deer River, while hauling Major Hatton's baggage, they were taken sick, from exposure, and ordered to be left there; since then both mules have died; the disease they contracted was "farcy;" I consider the team value for \$450; the teamster was Charles Sheeper.

H. SMITH.

I hereby corroborate the above evidence.

CHARLES SHEEPER,  
Teamster.

The Board having made careful enquiry into the loss of the mules in question, and two of their number having a personal knowledge of the facts, consider that the owner is entitled to the full value of the team, viz., \$450.

GEO. W. HATTON, Major,  
President.

J. K. OSWALD,  
Capt. and Adjutant Cavalry;

JOHN D. LAUDER,  
Lieutenant.

Approved.

S. B. STANLEY,  
Major Commanding.  
Correct.

H. HAMILTON,  
Capt. and S. O.

Proceedings of a Board of Enquiry, held at Calgary, N.W.T., on 20th July, 1885, to enquire into the loss of one team of mules, the property of Captain John Ross, said mules being employed on Captain Dudley Smith's column (supposed to be a convoy) A.F.F.

Evidence of O. G. DENNIS, Supply Officer:—

On the 7th day of May, the mules in question left Calgary, with Captain Dudley Smith's column (supposed to be a convoy); they were in good order and health; owing to exposure to wet, over-work, and pulling through muskegs, one mule died at the Lone Pine, the other died between the Lone Pine and Scarlett's, on the march back; I consider the team valued at \$450; I was in charge of the column (supposed to be a convoy) and saw the mules from time to time.

O. G. DENNIS,  
Supply Officer in charge.

The Board having made careful enquiry into the loss of the mules in question, and knowing the facts, as stated, to be correct, consider that the owner is entitled to the value of the team, viz., \$450.00.

GEO. W. HATTON, Major,  
President.  
J. K. OSWALD,  
Captain and Adjutant Cavalry.  
JOHN D. LAUDER,  
Lieutenant.

Approved.

S. B. STREUB,  
Major Commanding.  
Correct.  
H. HAMILTON,  
Captain and S. O.

I, John Ross, contractor, of British Columbia, hereby declare that I was the owner of nine head of stock, the same having been produced before a Board of Officers from time to time; I contracted with the Government to place my teams on the line of march, and through exposure and over work, the above number died and were lost to me; the values stated are under the cost of purchase.

JOHN ROSS.

Declared before me, this 25th day  
of July, A.D. 1885.

J. K. OSWALD,  
J.P.

Certified,  
H. HAMILTON,  
Captain and S. O.

## REPORT No. 124.

OTTAWA, 17th April, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

With reference to the following claims of contractors for balances due on teams furnished the transport service, viz.:—

W. C. 255.—B. C. Corbett; W. C. 380.—Jas. H. Ross and Thos. Bull; W. C. 402.—D. McGregor, W. R. Robertson, D. H. Gillespie and J. G. Turriff, recommended for payment in Report of 28th January last (hereto attached), it may be further explained:

That S. L. Bedson, Transport Officer, with Major General Middleton, telegraphed to W. R. Bell, Transport Officer, Qu'Apdelle, on or about 8th April, 1885, to engage teams, but not to pay more than \$8 per day. On the strength of this telegram Bell engaged teams of horses at \$8, and ox teams at \$6 per day, from the above named parties, stipulating that they were not to pay the owners of the teams less than \$7 for horse and \$5 for ox teams (*vide* Bell's sworn evidence, 17th November, 1885) allowing a profit \$1 per day per team to the contractors.

(Bell's evidence *vide* page 226, Report upon the Suppression of the Rebellion in the North-West Territories, 1885.)

The whole of these claims are certified correct and recommended for payment by Bell for Bedson. On examining the accounts closely, however, it has been discovered that several of the claimants have hired teams at a lower rate than authorized by Bell, consequently it would be but fair that the Government should receive the benefit of this reduction by limiting the claimants to \$1 per day profit on each team. Many clerical errors have also been discovered in auditing the several accounts. The following amounts being correct, in accordance with the adjustment :

B. C. Corbett, per Chas. H. Newton.....	\$ 412 00
Jas. H. Ross .....	1,577 00
Thos. Bull, per J. W. Smith, Assignee.....	6'0 00
David McGregor.....	45 0 50
W. R. Robertson.....	3,113 00
D. H. Gillespie, per T. G. Smith, Attorney.....	2,618 00
J. G. Turriff.....	256 00
	\$ 13,156 50

Making a total reduction from the original claims of \$1,973.25.

When the Commissioners made their report on these claims the errors referred to had not been discovered, otherwise, no doubt, a similar reduction would have been recommended.

In order to make sure as to the legality of these claims, the Chairman submitted the question to Aikens, Culver & Hamilton, barristers, &c., of Winnipeg; and by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Militia, the same question was submitted to the Honorable the Minister of Justice here. Both of the opinions are attached, by which there appears to be no doubt that the claimants are entitled to payment, which is now most respectfully recommended in accordance with the respective amounts as shown above.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CANADA,  
OTTAWA, 6th April, 1886.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 17th February, asking to be advised as to the legality of the claim of D. H. Gillespie, under the circumstances mentioned in your letter, I have to report:—

I understand from the reference that Mr. Bell was authorized by Mr. Bedson, Chief Transport Officer, to engage teams at a price not to exceed \$8 per day; that Mr. Bell, in his turn, instructed Gillespie and others to hire teams from third parties in no case at less than \$7 per day; the middle men under no circumstances to receive more than \$1 per day on each team. I understand the reference not as calling for an opinion as to Mr. Bell's liability for his conduct in the matter, but simply as to the validity of the claim of the middle men.

I have the honor to say that in my opinion, unless collusion could be clearly established against Gillespie and the other middle men, the facts, as stated, afford no legal grounds for rejecting their claims.

I have, &c.,

A. POWER,  
For Deputy Minister of Justice.

WINNIPEG, 5th December, 1885.

Lieutenant-Colonel JACKSON,  
Chairman of Commission,  
Winnipeg, Man.

DEAR SIR,—We have a further memo., herein, in which you state that Mr. Bedson (who was the duly appointed agent for that purpose) authorized Major Bell to engage teams for transport service. That Bell accordingly agreed with McGregor and others that he would pay them \$8 per day for teams

which, at his request, they were to provide. He also stipulated that they should pay not less for teams of others which they might employ, than \$7 a day. That is, the middle men were not to make more than \$1 per day on the teams of other persons.

If there was a direct *bond fide* contract between the Government, acting by Bell, and McGregor and others, that they should furnish teams for which the Government should pay \$8 per day, and they did furnish the teams, then the contractors should be paid.

The latter part of the arrangement is somewhat unaccountable.

We are, &c.,

AIKENS, OULVER & HAMILTON.

## REPORT No. 125.

OTTAWA, 20th April, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 780.—M. M. & D., A. 2,224.—J. Eakins, M. D., \$67 for medically examining 67 men of the 15th Battalion, at Belleville, previous to their joining the Midland Battalion for active service, in compliance with regimental orders issued by Lieut.-Col. Henderson, on 29th March, 1885, and certified by Lieut.-Col. Lazier, in accordance with Regulations and Orders, paragraph 676. It appears, however, by the list of names attached, only 57 officers and men were examined. It is therefore respectfully recommended \$10 be deducted, and the balance, \$57, paid.

W. C. No. 782.—M. M. & D., A. 3,458.—Peter Ballandine, Battleford, for transport of stores for "A" Battery, \$137.41 on a requisition given by Major F. C. Wilson, and certified by the Deputy Adjutant-General of the district. The claim appears to be in accordance with the agreement, and as Peter Ballandine has since died, it is respectfully recommended the claim be paid in full to the legal representative or representatives of the estate.

W. C. No. 789.—M. M. & D., A. 2,167.—Capt. C. W. Drury, "A" Battery, \$225, for a horse injured on service in the North-West, and rendered unserviceable. A Board was assembled, according to regulations, at Battleford, on 30th May, 1885, and the amount now claimed recommended. There appears no doubt this was an excellent and valuable charger, and probably worth the price claimed; but as the value of officers' chargers is established by Regulations and Orders, paragraph 1,004, it is respectfully recommended \$125 be paid, making a reduction of \$100.

W. C. No. 794.—M. M. & D., A. 3,546.—Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Company, \$6481, for telegraphing in Manitoba and the North-West, during the month of November, 1885. This account having been examined, there appears no doubt of its correctness. It is therefore respectfully recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 795.—M. M. & D., A. 3,559.—H. Workman, of Lindsay, Ont., \$5 for horse hire in connection with calling out Capt. Hunter's Company, the quota of the 45th Battalion, to complete the Midland Battalion for active service. This claim is certified by Lieut.-Col. Deacon, and as the charges appear reasonable and the service necessary, it is respectfully recommended the claim be paid in full.

W. C. No. 797.—M. M. & D., A. 2,675.—G. H. Campbell, Agent Canadian Pacific Railway, Winnipeg, \$34.80 for tickets said to have been issued to H. McCleneghan and C. C. McNab, telegraph operators, and W. McLimont, line-repairer, from Winnipeg to Qu'Appelle.

These three men were in Government employ west and north of Qu'Appelle, and were entitled to transport; but a requisition was issued and used by C. C. McNab, on 13th April, 1885, the date on which this claim is made, and the amount of

this fare is charged in Canadian Pacific Railway account, but no requisition appears to have been issued for the other two. It is therefore most respectfully recommended the claim for McNab's ticket, \$11.60, be deducted, and the balance, \$23.20, paid.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

REPORT No. 126.

OTTAWA, 21st April, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 759.—Winnipeg and Western Transportation Company, fare and meals for W. R. Pringle, of the Field Hospital Corps (who was wounded), from Prince Albert to Grand Rapids, \$25.50.

Fare and meals for Mrs. Dobbs and three children (widow of Arthur Dobbs who was killed in action), from Prince Albert to Grand Rapids, \$51. Making the total claim \$76.50.

W. R. Pringle was entitled to his return transport, and the Honorable The Minister of Militia, had telegraphed that Mrs. Dobbs and family were to be returned to their friends in Ontario. It is therefore respectfully recommended the claim be paid in full.

W. C. No. 784.—M. M. & D., A 2714.—No. 1, Major J. Fraser, \$122; No. 2, Sergeant A. Touhy, \$30.50, extra pay for services.

When the force was ordered out for active service, March, 1885, the Deputy Adjutant-General, at Kingston, had no Brigade Major or Sergeant to assist in discharging the duties, which were very considerable during the organization of the Midland Battalion; and while the Fort and other works at Kingston were garrisoned by Companies of Militia, the Deputy Adjutant-General, finding it absolutely necessary to have assistance, appointed Major J. Fraser to act as Brigade Major, and Sergeant A. Touhy to act as Brigade Clerk.

He testifies to the valuable services rendered, and strongly recommends payment of \$1 per day to Major Fraser, and 25 cents per day to Sergeant Touhy. As the sums are extremely reasonable for the arduous duties performed, it is respectfully recommended the respective claims be paid in full.

W. C. No. 787.—Lieut.-Colonel Deacon, Major of the late Midland Battalion, \$100, for a horse lost while on service in the North West. By order of Major General Middleton, under date of 29th June, 1885, a Board was assembled at Fort Pitt, on the 30th June, to enquire into and take evidence in the matter.

The proceedings appear to be regular; and there being no doubt as to the facts set forth, the loss does not appear to have occurred through any negligence of the claimant, who made extended search and offered a reward for the recovery; and, having heard the statement of Lieut.-Colonel Smith, who succeeded to the command of the corps after the decease of Lieut.-Colonel Williams, there appears no doubt the claim is a just one. It is therefore respectfully recommended the sum of \$100 be paid in full.

W. C. No. 781.—A. McDonald, of Winnipeg, \$5 50, for one pair of boots purchased from Murray Hayne, of Prince Albert, for Trooper John B. Ormsby, of Boulton's Mounted Infantry.

Major Boulton certifies to the correctness of the claim, which has been endorsed over to A. McDonald, and explains that this man was enlisted at Prince Albert, where the issue of boots was a necessity. It is therefore respectfully recommended the claim be paid in full.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 127.

OTTAWA, 27th April, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 64.—Geo. Murdock, of Calgary, \$150.50, for belts and rifle slings supplied to "Steele's Scouts."

It appears by the correspondence, after the return of the troops these stores were handed over to the Government Auctioneer, at Calgary, and sold; the arms were supplied this corps by the Government, the belts and slings being necessary to make them complete. It is therefore respectfully recommended the claim be paid in full.

W. C. No. 115.—Trooper W. R. Hunt, of "Steele's Scouts," \$125, for one horse taken over at Fort Pitt by Veterinary Surgeon Duncan, on behalf of the Government, by order of Major-General Middleton, and according to a certificate by Sergeant A. E. C. McDonell, N. W. M. P., sold by auction on Government account at Battleford.

Owing to deficiencies in the papers, considerable correspondence has taken place regarding this claim. The proceedings of a Board with evidence are attached, and letters from Major-General Strauge, Captain Oswald, and others, appear to leave no doubt the horse was taken over on Government account; Hunt's evidence shows he paid \$ 00 for the animal, but thinks it was worth \$25 more after having been broken. The Regulations and Orders allow only \$100 to be paid for a trooper's horse, consequently it is respectfully recommended that sum be paid, making a reduction of \$25 on the claim.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

MOOSE JAW, N.W.T. OF CANADA,  
7th April, 1886.

To the Chairman,  
War Claims Commission,  
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to report for your information as follows:—At Fort Pitt, on 29th June, 1885, by order of Major-General Middleton, I received possession of four disabled horses, the property of Steele's Scouts, the animals being unable to go forward. On the 25th August, succeeding, these horses were sold at public auction at Battleford, by order of Lieut.-Col. Otter, a sorrel gelding, the former property of W. R. Hunt, realizing \$55.50.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

JOHN A. DUNCAN, M.D.; V.S.,  
Late Veterinary Surgeon to Forces.



## REPORT No. 128.

OTTAWA, 27th April, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 357.—No. 12, Manitoba Cartage and Wharf Company, \$975, for horses said to have died while employed transporting supplies under contract with the Hudson's Bay Company.

This, with many other similar claims, were fully considered by the Commission, on the 15th October, 1885, and rejected subsequently by order of the Hon. the Minister of Militia and Defence. The contract and papers were referred to the Hon. the Minister of Justice, whose opinion confirmed the correctness of the action of the Commission, by deciding the Government is not responsible, under the contract, for dead horses; consequently no further recommendations can be made in this case.

*Report approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 129.

OTTAWA, 27th April, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 685.—J. A. Pelley, of Winnipeg, \$250, for a tent sent to Red Rock, by order of the Acting Mayor of Port Arthur; and it is stated the tent was used as a stable by teamsters.

No military authority has been produced for the issue.

The Canadian Pacific Railway arranged to provide all necessary transport for the troops crossing the gaps north of Lake Superior, and that company having been paid for the service a certain sum per mile per man, the Government has nothing whatever to do with paying expenses connected therewith.

This claim was fully enquired into and considered by the Commission on the 1st February, 1886, and rejected.

*Report approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 180.

OTTAWA, 28th April, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 791.—M. M. & D., A 3,097—Geo. H. Douglas, of Chatham, \$126.05, for expenses proceeding to and returning from the North-West.

It appears Douglas was a member of the Queen's Own Rifles; he went to Chatham to see his parents previous to departure, but on returning to Toronto he found the corps had left a few hours before. He then purchased certain articles of outfit and proceeded through the States to Winnipeg, where he arrived several days before the Queen's Own. He proceeded with the regiment to Qu'Appelle, where he was told by the Commanding Officer he could not be taken on, presumably because the quota was full; but he was given permission to join Boulton's Scouts. This he did, but meeting with an accident by being thrown from a horse, could not proceed with the troop. After recovery, Boulton's Troop was too far north for him to reach. He says he was then ordered to join the Yorkton Company, which he did, and served until the close of the campaign, as certified by Major Watson, who has recommended payment of the expenses called for.

Douglas appears to be an enthusiastic soldier, and acted in a most patriotic manner. He has been conscientious enough to charge only second-class rates, although he travelled by Pullman.

It is therefore respectfully recommended he be paid, as a special case, \$116.30, a reduction of \$9.75 having been made for revolver, holster, belts and ammunition, which, as a private, he was not entitled to.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

OTTAWA, 1st May, 1886.

MEMORANDUM for the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence in re W. C. 179.—M. M. and D., A 2,277.—Calvin P. Moore, of Calgary, for expenses from Ottawa to Calgary.

Moore (although a resident of Calgary, where he should have returned after close of the campaign) came to Ottawa with the troops at Government expense. Capt. J. Wright, under whom he served, says: "Moore came down of his own accord, and not by order." He was paid up to 31st July, which gave him ample time to reach his home.

The Commission on 30th September gave this claim careful consideration, but were unable to recommend payment.

There being no new features in the case, there does not appear to be any grounds for further action.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 131.

OTTAWA, 4th May, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 26.—Captain John Stewart, *re* claims in connection with outfit of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, *re*-considered by instructions from the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, 20th April, 1886.

These claims had been previously considered, and amounts disallowed, because there appeared to be no authority for the several expenditures; but an order of Major-General Strange, dated Calgary, 19th April, 1885, having been produced, directing Captain Stewart to purchase great coats and hats for immediate service, there is no longer doubt as to the regularity of the transaction. Captain Stewart explains that rubber coats were the only ones available, and they were more suitable for the service than any others. He also explains that the tent, and the whole of the articles, are now safely stored with the N. W. M. P., at Fort McLeod. It is therefore most respectfully recommended that the following amounts be paid, *viz.* :—

Tweed & Ewart, Fort McLeod, N. W. T. :	
15 rubber coats at \$5.80.....	\$ 87 00
1 tent.....	30 00
Total.....	<u>\$117 00</u>

W. Winder, Fort McLeod, N. W. T. :	
50 waterproof coats at \$5.24.....	<u>\$262 00</u>

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 132.

OTTAWA, 4th May, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 810.—Claims forwarded by J. P. Fisher, barrister, of Ottawa, on behalf of Joseph A. Dunn, 2nd mate of the steamer "Alberta;" Joseph H. White, engineer of the steamer "Marquis," and Wm. M. Caldwell, engineer of the steamer "Alberta;" all of whom served on their respective boats, on the north and south branches of the Saskatchewan River, during the North-West rebellion, in 1885.

There is nothing to show what these claims are for, nor are any specified sums claimed; but it is presumed the claims are put forward with the view of having the parties recognized as serving in the militia, for the purpose of obtaining land grants and other advantages to which the troops are entitled.

The Government employed these steamers by the day, for which a very large sum was paid.

The proprietors or companies owning the boats furnished officers, crews, fuel and all requisites for running them, no payments of any kind having been made by the Government to the crews.

All employes shipped as ordinary sailors knew the service in which they were to be engaged.

They were not enrolled as militiamen, nor did they serve in that capacity.

Arms and ammunition appear to have been served out to them for their own protection, the same as was done with the teamsters on the different trails.

Under the above circumstances it does not appear that these men have any claim against the Government.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

OTTAWA, 6th May, 1886.

#### MEMORANDUM—*Re Scouts.*

Fifteen scouts were employed at Swift Current, by General Laurie, to accompany supplies to Battleford, for Lt.-Col. Otter's column.

These men claim \$5 per day. I referred the matter to General Middleton, who authorized \$4 per day where the men furnished their own horses; consequently I deducted \$1 per day from those who rode Government horses.

The pay-lists show that all were paid \$4 per day except one.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

### REPORT No. 183.

OTTAWA, 8th May, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 768.—M. M. & D., A 3322.—G. S. Hobart, of Kingston, Ont., for medical supplies to 14th Battalion, \$74.85.

The 14th Battalion were ordered out for duty, on the 1st April, 1885, and occupied Tête du Pont Barracks and Fort Henry. They were reduced from time to time till the 31st July, when the last detachment was relieved from duty.

It appears that no medicine was in Government store at Kingston; consequently it became necessary to procure the medical supplies, as required, from the claimant.

The account is certified by the Surgeon of the corps, fully explained and recommended by the G. O. C. It is therefore respectfully recommended that the claim be paid in full.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

REPORT No. 184.

OTTAWA, 10th May, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 629.—C. B. Rouleau, of Battleford (now of Calgary, N.-W. T.) for hay, \$48, and pigs, \$50; in all \$98.

On requisition of Lieut.-Colonel Otter, the claimant supplied the troops at Battleford with three tons of hay, at \$16 per ton, and two pigs, at \$50 for the two; the receipt for which is certified by Lieut.-Colonel Otter. These claims have been held over pending explanations regarding other claims paid to Judge Rouleau. His letter attached, as well as one from the accountant of the Hudson's Bay Company, to collect the money and apply it to his credit. It is respectfully recommended that the full amount, \$98, be paid to the Hudson's Bay Company for his account as requested.

Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY,  
NORTHERN DEPARTMENT OFFICE,  
WINNIPEG, Man., 20th November, 1885.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose you a letter from Judge Rouleau, assigning to the Hudson's Bay Company the amount of the two vouchers handed by me this afternoon to Lt.-Col. Forrest. I shall be obliged by your attaching this to the vouchers, and advising me when they have been dealt with.

I have, &c.,

E. K. BEESTON,  
Accountant.

Lt.-Col. JACKSON, P. S. & P. O.  
Military Staff Office,  
Winnipeg.

BATTLEFORD, 26th July, 1886.

ADAMS, Esq.,  
Hudson Bay Company,  
Winnipeg.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed I forward you two accounts, which you will be kind enough to collect for me, from Lt.-Col. Jackson. Please place the amount to my credit, and I shall take some goods later from your store for same.

Yours truly,

CHAS. B. ROULEAU.

Vouchers, 2 pigs.....	\$50 00
Vouchers, 3 tons of hay.....	48 00
Total.....	\$98 00

CALGARY, N.-W. T., 1st May, 1886.

MY DEAR COLONEL,—I just got your letter, and I see there is a misunderstanding about my account with the Department.

I was paid two accounts before. To wit: One certified by General Laurie, through the Hudson's Bay Company, for services of my man and horses, between Swift Current and Battleford. Lt.-Col. Otter paid me also an account for lumber, horse blankets, &c., which he personally got from me; but this account for \$98, certified by Lt.-Col. Otter, and transferred by me to the Hudson's Bay Company

never was paid. At the time I transferred that account, the Hudson's Bay Company were authorized by the Militia Department to pay the same. But soon after that authorization was withdrawn, and that is the reason it was not paid. Therefore, I think after these explanations you will have no difficulty conscientiously in paying the amount to the Hudson's Bay Company.

Yours truly,

CHAS. B. ROULEAU.

Lt.-Col. JACKSON,  
Ottawa.

REPORT No. 185.

OTTAWA, 11th May, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 519.--Reverend Canon McKay, \$360, for special scouting service.

The claimant was chaplain of the Winnipeg Light Infantry during the campaign, and received for service:

Pay.....	\$265 08
Field allowance.....	70 00
Total.....	<u>\$335 08</u>

He also appears to have received, through the Hudson's Bay Company, \$150. Major-General Strange telegraphed to Captain Hamilton, from Ottawa, 31st July, 1885:

"McKay pay for ninety days; deduct one hundred and forty-five dollars for horse from Major Butler."

It also appears an order was left by Canon McKay at Hudson's Bay Company's office, at Edmonton, on Captain Bossé, Paymaster 65th Battalion, for \$65, which amount Captain Bossé paid Hudson's Bay Company, on the 13th May, 1885. It therefore appears by the foregoing, Reverend Canon McKay has received the sum of \$695.08. On this account the Commission concluded an error had been committed in rendering this claim, and directed it should be placed among the doubtful ones.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

OTTAWA, 11th May, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

MEMORANDUM *re claim of Hugh Munro, of Calgary, \$400, for two injured horses.*

Munro has been paid \$800 for hire of his horses, the original claim valued the horse at \$200 (W. C. 115), but a Board of Officers recommended only \$25, which sum was approved by Major Steele and Major-General Strange. This, with many other similar claims, were considered by the Commission; and, as the Deputy Minister of Justice decided the Government was not responsible, all were rejected. This horse was not shot, but simply got a nail in his foot when crossing a bridge. There is nothing to show more than one horse was injured.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 186.

OTTAWA, 15th May, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 123.—R. B. O'Donoghue, 16 days' service in Quartermaster's Department of the Winnipeg Light Infantry, at \$2.50 per day, \$40.

This claim was reported upon by the Commission, on the 16th October, 1885, and rejected, on the ground there was Quartermaster and Quartermaster-Serjeant under pay from the commencement of the organization of the corps (in March, 1885,) who should have discharged all the duties connected therewith. If further assistance were required, men of the corps should have been detailed for the duty, and not an outsider called in. It has not been shown why this man was required, or what service he performed.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 187.

OTTAWA, 17th May, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 115.—Trooper Benoit, of Steele's Scouts, \$100, for injury to horse. Reported upon by the Commission, on 24th September, 1885, and rejected, with many other similar claims, on the ground that the pay of \$2.50 per day, with rations and forage, was sufficient to cover risks of this nature, being \$1 a day more than ordinary cavalrymen received.

The facts of the case are these: Trooper Steele makes the claim on behalf of Benoit; and, as he says, gives evidence by power of attorney for Benoit, a most unusual proceeding. This is the only evidence produced, from which it would appear the horse got a "snag" in his foot, which produced lameness. Notwithstanding this, he returned with the troop to Calgary, and like most of the horses, appears to have been run down and required rest. Major General Strange made the following memo. on the papers:—"No Veterinary Surgeon's certificate—referred to Major Steele to state if whole amount of \$140 was deducted from Trooper Benoit's pay." No certificate or further report has been received.

Members of this Corps drew large sums of money, through the Hudson's Bay Company, and many of these payments appear irregular. The agreement under which the enlistment was made promised from \$2 to \$2.50 per day, the men to supply their own horses and outfit.

In the face of this agreement, Major General Strange authorized the Hudson's

Bay Company (statement No. 7, vouchers 317 and 318) to pay Trooper R. E. Steele—	
7 days, at \$2.50 per day.....	\$ 17 50
17 days, at \$5.00 per day .....	335 00
And rations which had been issued to this man's family and charged to him, amounting to \$35.10, were subsequently repaid to him by order of Major General Strange.....	35 10
	\$387 60

making an average of \$5.24 per day.

Trooper R. E. Steele appears to have received special favors; and the inference may be drawn that he is now interested in this claim of Benoit, as the Board recommended payment through Trooper Steele.

The proceedings of the Board, in accepting evidence of the nature referred to, is not in accordance with the usual custom of such Boards. No further recommendation can therefore be made regarding the claim of Trooper Benoit.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 138.

OTTAWA, 25th May, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 806.—M. & D., A 1,567.—Capt. F. G. Tremayne, 12th Battalion (part of York and Simcoe.)

No. 1.—March 31, 1885, paid transport of three men from Markham to Sutton.....	\$ 2 70
Telegraphing and horse hire .....	2 85
July 22, 1885, paid hire of steamer "R. B. Kendrick" for conveyance of twenty-two men from Lefroy to Sutton, when returning from the North-West.....	10 00
Total... ..	\$15 55

No. 2.—Lieut. M. S. Chapman, 12th Battalion, paid fares of three men from Toronto to Markham, including horse hire.....	\$4 20
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These expenses were incurred by the York and Simcoe Battalion during their period of active service. The correspondence attached to claims explains fully the circumstances. As the expenditure was necessary, and the charges appear reasonable, it is respectfully recommended that the said claims be paid in full.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.



## REPORT No. 139.

OTTAWA, 1st June, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 812.—M. M. & D., A 3,519.—Rev. Father LeBrot, of Fort Qu'Appelle, for services rendered to soldiers at that station and Troy. No sum stated.

The officers, late and now in command at those stations, having been communicated with, it appears that some twelve or fifteen men were marched to the church at Fort Qu'Appelle, to attend the regular services of the church, say for a period of about three and a-half months.

Although the Rev. Father does not appear to have been put to extra expense, nor was he appointed a chaplain, it would appear reasonable to allow him some remuneration, \$25 is therefore recommended for this service.

The Rev. Father also drove twenty-two miles to Troy, eighteen times, to hold service for the men of "A" Battery. In all probability this is one of the mission stations, where service would have been held even if the troops had not been there; but it is only reasonable remuneration should be given, say \$75, to cover pay, transport and personal expenses, making a total of \$100, which is respectfully recommended to be paid in full of claim.

W. C. No. 310.—M. M. & D., A 2,433 and 2,575.—Geo. S. Armstrong, M. D., of MacKay's Harbor, Port Arthur Post Office, \$216, for attending sick soldiers left at this station on the north shore of Lake Superior.

There were only six men in all, for which there is a uniform charge of \$3 per day per man. The services were performed between 4th April and 26th May, 1885. Total number of days, fifty-three. There being never more than two or three men present at one time. This claim having been referred to the officers commanding the respective corps to which the men belonged, they certify to the service having been performed; but for the number attended the charge appears high, particularly as Lt.-Col. Ouimet states that the hospital was kept by the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is therefore respectfully recommended that Dr. Armstrong be paid the net pay of an assistant surgeon, viz., fifty-three days at \$2.43 per day, making a total of \$128.79 in full of claim, showing a reduction of \$87.21.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 140.

OTTAWA, 9th June, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 774.—Thos. Bull, of Pense, N.-W. T., \$141, (said to be assigned to J. W. Smith, of Regina) for railway fare of teamsters, and freight on teams and wagons proceeding to Moose Jaw, on transport service.

All teams supplied by the Hudson's Bay Company received free transport to and from, and it appears to have been the understanding that all teams engaged were to

have free transport—Government requisitions being generally used. In this case, however, requisitions were not used, the claimant having paid cost, as the papers show. Payment in full (\$141) is therefore recommended.

W. C. No. 775.—M. M. & D., A 3,63d.—George Gunn, of Manitou Post Office, Assiniboia, N.-W. T., \$2,260, for lumber, use of barge, and value of barge. This claim is again sent through John Secord, barrister, &c., of Regina, N.-W. T., reduced to \$1,070. The papers show that the contract was entered into by Lieut. Leonard, Transport Officer, by authority of Maj.-Gen. Laurie. Mr. Leonard is a civil engineer and surveyor by profession, and has spent considerable time in the North-West with surveys and railway construction, and is fully competent to estimate the value of such articles as rough scows, &c.

His report attached shows that the scow or barge as it is called, was engaged by him from Gunn for one trip (about five days), at \$10 per day, to take a load of stores from Saskatchewan Landing to Clark's Crossing. Mr. Leonard thinks that if the barge was not taken up the river again, it would be fair to pay the value of it, say \$100. A new barge of the kind could be built at Medicine Hat for a much smaller sum.

It is therefore respectfully recommended that the following amounts be paid in full of this claim:—

250 feet lumber at \$40 per thousand feet.....	\$ 10 00
5 days' hire of barge at \$10 per day.....	50 00
Value of barge, which, it appears, was not returned..	100 00
	160 00
Total.....	\$160 00

making a reduction on the original claim of \$2,100.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
War Claims Commission,  
Ottawa.

KEMPTVILLE, 26th March, 1888.

Sir,—Your letter of 16th inst. received. Mr. George Gunn came down the Saskatchewan from Medicine Hat about the end of last April, as pilot on the "Minnow." He had with him in tow a small scow about 20 feet by 12 feet. The steamer stopped at Saskatchewan Landing, and General Laurie authorized me to hire the barge to take down a load of supplies to Clark's Crossing, it being understood the barge was to be hired for the trip (about five days), and to be brought back by one of the steamers on the return trip. The price agreed upon was, I believe, \$10 per day. I believe Mr. Gunn was the owner of the barge. If the barge was not taken up the river again, I think it would be fair to pay Mr. Gunn the value of it, say \$100. A new barge of the kind could be built at Medicine Hat for a much smaller sum.

The bill of timber is correct, and I gave him a receipt for it.

250 feet B. M., at \$40 per M, \$10. The lumber was required for flooring another barge. The whole transaction is to be found, I have no doubt, in General Laurie's papers.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. LEONARD,  
Lieutenant.

W. C. No. 754.—F. F. Tims, Swift Current, N.-W.T., \$15.50, for soap and tobacco supplied D. L. S. Intelligence Corps, and \$1,344, for demurrage by teams waiting for freight when hauling by the hundred pounds. This last item, \$1,344, has been already reported on by the Commission, and rejected. (See W. C. 164, Report, 29th September, 1885.) As Capt. Dennis certifies to receipt of the supplies, it is respectfully recommended that \$15.50 be paid.

W. C. No. 643.—M. M. & D., A 2,780.—Thos. Hourie, of Prince Albert, N.-W.T., for one grey horse captured and used by Boulton's scouts, and subsequently sold by Mr. Metcalfe, Government Auctioneer, as shown by Major Boulton's letter attached. Hourie claims pay for the use of the horse, 83 days, and also the value of the animal, the sums not being stated. It would appear unreasonable to pay for the horse as

well as the hire of him; and, as Hourie made no claim, as owner, while with Major Boulton, hoping thereby to draw pay and get the horse back, it is respectfully recommended that \$100 be paid in full of claim.

Hcurie's claim of \$125, for a brown horse, and \$200 for hay taken by Indians and rebels, appears to be a matter of adjustment by the Department of the Interior. It is recommended that Hourie be notified accordingly, so that he may present his claim to that Department, if he has not already been settled with by the Commission appointed for the settlement of such claims.

Lt.-Col. JACKSON, Chairman,  
War Claims Commission,  
Ottawa.

SHELL RIVER, 6th May, 1886.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in reference to Hourie's horse. The horse in question was one my men captured after the battle of Fish Creek, and not having any claimant for it we brought it home with us, and it was sold for sixty dollars, and the money given to the wounded. Hourie was with us throughout the whole campaign, and all he had to do was to lay a complaint before the General, or report to me that we had one of his horses, and he would have got it back then. I can only suppose that his reason for not doing so was, that he might get paid for the use of his horse through the campaign, and then get his horse back; but the day we were ordered to leave Fort Pitt on our return journey he was away at Cold Lake, and he did not return till Colonel Smith's Battalion returned, when we had disbanded, and the horse was sold, and he reported it to me for the first time then.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

O. A. BOULTON, Major,  
Late Boulton's Mounted Infantry.

W. C. 770 and No. 394.—M. M. & D., A 3,332.—R. J. Molloy, telegraphor, of Clark's Crossing, N.-W. T., \$235.75 for board and lodging of telegraph operators and couriers.

This man had already rendered a claim for some \$600, which it was found on enquiry was fictitious, as shown by a report from Capt. Hudson, supply officer at that station, and by Mr. Clarke and others, putting in claims covering the same charges; consequently it was naturally supposed that this claim would be of a similar character, and was referred to J. Lanskaill, a most reliable man, and one of the parties who lodged with Molloy. He says, when asking what the charge would be, he was informed there would be no charge, as General Middleton had given him (Molloy) an order to draw rations from the supply office there; consequently lodging would be all he would be entitled to for the men who put up at his house. It is a well known fact that there were no provisions or forage of any consequence in the country, except those sent by Government for the troops, which were served out to settlers, half-breeds and Indians. It is therefore respectfully recommended that 50 cents per day be allowed for telegraph people, and 50 cents for horses, and \$1 per day for couriers, as lodging money for selves and horses, the rations and forage, no doubt, having been drawn from Government supplies, making a reduction on this claim of \$159.75. The balance, \$76, is recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 394—Molloy. This claim having been previously reported (see Report of 26th October, 1885,) and Mr. Molloy paid what he was entitled to, viz., \$25, the papers are now attached to the previous docket.

W. C. No. 657.—W. K. Dickson, of Parkdale, Ontario, Agent of the Temperance Colonization Company, Saskatoon, N.-W. T., \$650 for use of scow (called a barge) taken by order of General Middleton.

As Mr. Dickson incurred no expense with this scow after it was taken, if the value of it be paid, that should be considered all the claimant is entitled to.

Captain Hudson, who was Supply Officer at Clark's Crossing, says that a similar craft, in Ontario, would cost about \$100; and, after considering the increased value of the material and labor at Saskatoon, he thinks \$350 ought to be considered the outside limit of its cost.

Lieut. Leonard, a civil engineer and surveyor, and well acquainted with the country, has stated in reference to the value of a similar barge, that it would cost at Medicine Hat less than \$100. Consequently it is respectfully recommended that \$350 be paid in full of this claim, making a reduction of \$300.

W. C. 720.—Same party. \$32, for forty-one telegraph poles used at Clark's Crossing, by the 10th and 90th Battalions, for fuel. Capt. Hudson, Supply Officer at the station, saw the supply of poles not used, and stated verbally to the Commission that they were "poplar, about 15 feet long, and very small; not worth more than fifty cents each."

Lt.-Col. McKeand says "they were worth \$2 each, or any price that might be placed on them, as they were only used when no other wood was obtainable."

Taking these valuations at the extreme each way, and considering the small size and poor quality, there appears no reason why they cannot be replaced for \$1 each. It is, therefore, respectfully recommended that \$41 be paid on this claim, making a reduction of \$41. The total amount payable to W. H. Dickson, Agent of the Temperance Colonization Company, being \$391, including the amount awarded on the previous claim No. 657.

W. C. No. 674.—George S. Orton, M.D., Surgeon 90th Battalion, Winnipeg, \$245; subsequently reduced by Dr. Orton, and rendered at \$171.60, for pay and keep of horse and loss of services for two months. It appears that this horse was injured when returning from Prince Albert, on or about the 28th May, 1885, and was left at Bedson Station, returning to Winnipeg on 21st July. A certificate from W. J. Himmon, Veterinary Surgeon, says the horse was unfit for work up to 21st September. There should have been a Board to report upon the facts. This would have been impracticable where the horse was injured, but it might have been carried out at Winnipeg. The claim is for \$1 a day for the loss of the use of the horse, and \$55.60 for keep and Veterinary Surgeon's attendance. Dr. Orton having drawn pay with his corps for horse up to 31st May, there is an error of four days over charged, making a reduction of \$4. The balance, \$167.60, is respectfully recommended for payment, on Dr. Orton accounting for the \$200 advanced to him, by the Department at Ottawa, on 26th June, 1885.

W. C. No. 516—M. M. & D., A 2,712.—Alfred Mills, of Loading, N.-W. T., for meals to couriers and feed to horses, \$206.75.

By order of Major-General Strange, a line of couriers was established going south from Calgary. The claim is certified by Major Boulton and H. Hamilton, Supply Officer; and, as rendered, is a difficult one to check. The rate for forage appears high even in that dear country. The Rocky Mountain Rangers foraged their own horses for 50 cents per day, consequently \$1 per day would be a large sum in this case. It is therefore respectfully recommended that 50 cents per meal per man, and 33 cents per feed of hay and oats per horse, be authorized, making a reduction of \$23.25. The balance, \$183.50 is recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 792.—D. A. Ross, of Winnipeg, \$104, for hire of horse and buggy used while the Winnipeg Infantry (Lieut.-Col. Scott's Battalion) was being organized, the charge being \$6 a day for a single horse and buggy, and \$2 a night, for four nights, up to 12 o'clock. Lieut.-Col. Scott certifies to the claims; but the rate charged is exorbitant, and should be reduced at least one-third; and the night trips, which appear to have been made with the same conveyance, should not be allowed, as all engaged in this service worked nights as well as days. It is therefore respectfully recommended that \$4 a day be authorized for 16 days, \$64, which amount is recommended for payment, making a reduction on the claim of \$40.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 141.

OTTAWA, 14th June, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 698.—M. M. & D., A 2,939.—W. Hope Hay, of Boulton's Mounted Infantry, Shoal Lake, Man., \$125, for a lost horse. The claimant was wounded and disabled at the capture of Batoche, and while in the hospital at Prince Albert, his horse, which was his own property, and left with the Troop, was lost. A corporal in the Mounted Police, at Prince Albert, appears to have made diligent search for the animal without success. The facts are certified to by Major C. A. Boulton, who says the horse was worth about \$125. As the Regulations and Orders establish the value of Trooper's horses at \$100, that amount is respectfully recommended for payment in this case.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 142.

OTTAWA, 16th June, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

It is respectfully recommended that the following claims be transferred to the Department of the Interior for adjudication by the Commission on Rebellion losses, viz. :—

W. C. 367.—Jno. G. Bastedo, owner of teams, \$265; and Fred. Hagen, driver, \$23.50, for losses by raid of Poundmaker's Band of Indians.

W. C. 730.—M. M. & D., A 3,103.—Superintendent Herchmer, N.-W. M. P., for damage by troops to household effects, \$540.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 143.

OTTAWA, 17th June, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 33.—M. M. & D., A 2,471 and 2,615.—Charles King, of Beulah, Man., \$19, for damage to crops by horses of Boulton's Corps. It appears by Major Boulton's

certificate that, while the horses of his corps were being herded, awaiting the Government auction sale, three strayed away and got into King's crops, and were lost about three weeks. The damages were assessed, in accordance with the Municipal regulations, by Mr. Hooper, and placed at \$19, which sum is respectfully recommended for payment.

W. C. No. 181.—M. M. & D., A 1,496 and 2,651.—Robert W. MacLellan, of Red Deer River, N.-W.T., \$250, for rent of dwelling and other buildings. It appears that the troops under Major Perry, going north from Calgary, reached Red Deer about 1st May, 1885, at which time Major Perry entered into an agreement with MacLellan for the rent of his house, outhouses and stables, for the use of the Department of Militia and Defence, at the rate of \$50 per month. There is no certificate showing how long the property was occupied; but as the dwelling was loop holed, stables demolished, and the whole entrenched by the 65th Battalion, which rendered them uninhabitable, and as the stores appear not to have been removed until in September, rent would be payable up to the end of that month. It is therefore respectfully recommended that the claim, \$250, be paid in full.

W. C. No. 668.—M. M. & D., A 2,926.—Captain G. Campbell, late of Boulton's Mounted Infantry, \$119.56, for horse hire and eight days' pay.

Major Boulton reports that Captain Campbell had two horses throughout the campaign, and did much extra duty on scouting service, frequently riding sixty miles a day, by which the services of a scout were saved. It also appears that Captain Campbell received no pay for the eight days occupied going from his house to Fish Creek, where he joined the corps.

Major-General Middleton testifies to the good services rendered by Captain Campbell, and Major Boulton's letter shows the claim to be a just one, and in accordance with agreement. It is therefore respectfully recommended that the claim, \$119.50, be paid in full.

To the Honorable  
The Minister of Militia,  
Ottawa.

Sir,—In reference to an agreement that I made with certain of my officers who brought their horses with them on the late expedition, and with whom I agreed to allow \$2.50 per day, and which was cut down by you to the regulation of \$1 per day, I have the honor to apply for an exception to be made in the case of Captain G. Campbell, on the ground that throughout the whole campaign he had two horses with him in constant use on the expedition.

This officer joined my troop at Fish Creek, having followed us. In settling with him, I only allowed him from the date that he joined at Fish Creek, and I only allowed him pay for one horse.

As the regulations have been strictly adhered to, I beg to enclose this my application for \$1 a day for each of the two horses, and also for eight days' pay from the time of his leaving home until he joined my corps, which will enable me to fulfil my agreement with him, made upon his joining.

This officer rode many days sixty miles a day, and General Middleton can testify to the value of his services.

I have, &c.,

O. A. BOULTON,  
Major.

Forwarded.—I can fully bear out what Major Boulton says of Captain Campbell, who did such service, riding such distances, that the services of a scout were saved, which would have cost much more than is now asked for, and which I recommend should be given.

FRED. MIDDLETON,  
Major-General.

31—12—'85.

W. C. No. 793.—J. G. Hargrave, Winnipeg, \$131.66, for blacking brushes, tobacco, soap, &c., furnished to the Winnipeg Infantry on order of Lt. Col. Scott.

The nature of the service was such as to necessitate the men being supplied with these articles, and although they may not be strictly in accordance with the Regula-

tions and Orders, the generality of the corps drew such necessaries through the Hudson's Bay Company, the value not having been stopped from the men.

It is therefore respectfully recommended that this claim, \$131.66, be paid in full as a special case.

*Approved—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMUND B. HOLT,  
Secretary.

## REPORT No. 144.

OTTAWA, 25th June, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 574.—M. M. & D., A 3,864.—Edwin A. Hayes, of Calgary, \$18, for 8 saddle blankets for use of Steel's Scouts. This claim is certified by H. Hamilton, Transport and Supply Officer, and Captain Oswald of the corps. It is therefore respectfully recommended for payment in full.

W. C. No. 709.—M. M. & D., A 3,788.—C. P. Strang, Assistant Supply Officer at Edmonton, \$336, as pay from 1st July to 20th October, 1885. Mr. Strang was paid through the Hudson's Bay Company, up to 30th June, at the rate of \$3.50 per day, the present claim being for \$3 per day. Mr. J. K. Strachan reports the claimant as being in charge of the stores at Edmonton up to his arrival, when Strang's services were continued, to assist in transferring the large quantity of stores to the Department of the Interior or other Departments. The claim being recommended by Lieut.-Col. Whitehead, who managed the transfer of the stores, and as service appears to have been rendered, it is respectfully recommended the claim be paid in full.

W. C. No. 711.—M. M. & D., A 3,788.—D. McDougall, of Edmonton, \$33.15, for meat delivered, as rations, to Assistant Supply Officer Strang and Storeman Têtu.

As claims for meat from that station previously presented have been reduced to 15 cents per pound, and this sum having been recommended by Lieut.-Col. Whitehead (Mr. Bette, a trader from the Territories, says 15 cents is a large price for beef at Edmonton), it is therefore respectfully recommended \$8.28 be deducted, and the balance, \$24.87, be paid.

W. C. No. 809.—M. M. & D., A 3,788.—Martin Bros., of Calgary, \$49.50, for necessaries supplied J. K. Strachan, when proceeding to clear up the stores left on the Edmonton trail.

Strachan had authority from Lieut.-Col. Whitehead to make necessary purchases, and as the latter officer recommends payment, and that Strachan be called upon to account for the articles, it is respectfully recommended the claim be paid in full, and Mr. Strachan called upon, through Lieut.-Col. Peebles, to pay for all articles unaccounted for. If necessary for the recovery to make it a stoppage against Mr. Strachan's pay.

W. C. No. 821.—I. G. Baker & Co., of Calgary, \$90, for 9 months' storage of biscuit. The building was repaired at considerable expense to the Government. Ten dollars per month was considered sufficient for the whole store, when previous

claim was made and paid. As the arms, ammunition and tents were removed to the Mounted Police Barracks immediately after former payment, the charges should be reduced at least one-third. It is therefore most respectfully recommended that \$49.67 be deducted, and the balance, \$11.33, be paid.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

The agreement of I. G. Baker & Co., dated Calgary, 29th September, 1885, having been discovered since this report was made, the rent is reduced to \$5 per month in accordance therewith.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

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### REPORT No. 145.

OTTAWA, 26th June, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 239.—M. M. & D., A 2,547.—H. Taylor, of Fort McLeod (letter from Duncan Campbell, June 15, 1886) \$56, for rent of cook stove used by 9th Batt., reported on by the Commission on 9th October, 1885, and rejected.

The 9th Batt. was on service in the field, the same as the other corps, were provided with camp equipment, and the officers were in receipt of field allowance, and had no right to live in barracks. If they incurred unnecessary expense of this nature, it was a personal matter, consequently the Government ought not to be held responsible. No further recommendation can be made in the case.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

### REPORT No. 146.

OTTAWA, 30th June, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 796.—M. M. & D., A 3,544.—Thomas Welsh, Qu'Appelle Station, \$200, for team said to have been lost on 12th May, 1885, near Batoche.

It appears Welsh was engaged as blacksmith, at \$13.50 per day, he to furnish team to carry outfit; after the horses were lost he was supplied with another team by Mr. Bedson, Transport Officer; but after returning home the owners of the



horses claimed and took them by process of law. It is presumed the \$13.50 per day was paid all through the campaign, and until his return home, which sum would pay for the horses several times over.

The Minister of Justice having decided the Government is not responsible for claims of a similar nature, payment in this case cannot be recommended.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

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REPORT No. 147.

OTTAWA, 9th July, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 825.—M. M. & D., A 3,908.—W. M. Herchmer, Superintendent N. W. M. Police, \$102.

By order of the General Officer commanding, Lieut. Col. Herchmer reported for duty to Lieut.-Col. Otter, on 12th April, 1885, at Swift Current, when he was appointed Chief of Staff, in which capacity he served up to 31st May, and now asks for the difference between the pay of superintendent and the pay and field allowance of a lieutenant-colonel (which rank he holds), viz., \$2.04 per day.

Lieut.-Col. Otter testifies to the valuable services rendered, and as several officers of the N. W. M. Police have been paid on this basis, it is respectfully recommended that this amount be paid in full.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

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REPORT No. 148.

OTTAWA, 3rd August, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 833.—M. M. & D., A 3,979.—McLaughlan & Sons, Owen Sound, \$10.27, for biscuit and cheese supplied the 9th Battalion. Lieut.-Col. Amyot's letter attached explains that owing to an accident on the railway, the Corps when returning from the North-West, was detained all day at Owen Sound. Breakfast was had on the steamer before disembarking, but no other meal was procured until after reaching Toronto, the biscuit and cheese having been used during the day.

Lieut.-Col. Amyot certifies the account is correct and reasonable. It is therefore respectfully recommended for payment in full.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

QUEBEC, 2nd August, 1886.

Lt. Col. JACKSON,  
President, &c.,  
Ottawa.

MY DEAR COLONEL,—In answer to your letter of 31st ult., concerning the account of Messrs. McLaughlin & Son, for provisions furnished the 9th Battalion, I beg to inform you I remember the facts as follows:

Having arrived at Owen Sound by the steamboat, we then proceeded by the Canadian Pacific Railway; we had previously taken our breakfast on board the steamer.

On arrival of the Battalion it embarked on the first train, which train was either thrown off the rails, or some accident happened to the engine. We returned to Owen Sound and remained there until the evening, my Battalion having had nothing to eat all that day, and, in fact, had no regular meals until reaching Toronto.

I was obliged to authorize buying biscuit and cheese for their lunch. This was on Sunday, and by the courtesy of the Mayor of Owen Sound, the shops were kept open for us.

I find the account reasonable, and recommend the payment in full. My Quartermaster also approves of it, which will be a sufficient guarantee to the Department to pay it.

Yours, &c.,

G. AMYOT, Lt.-Col.,  
Com'g 9th Battalion, V.Q.

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REPORT No. 149.

OTTAWA, 4th August, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 820.—M. M. & D., A 3,821.—John A. Cameron, near Houghton, N.-W. T., \$40, for hay.

The papers set forth the original voucher given by D. A. McArthur, Depot Clerk at Houghton, was forwarded to Major Bell, and became lost. A duplicate voucher, declaration by Cameron, and letters from Bell and Bedson, respectively, leaves no doubt as to the delivery, and non-payment of hay.

It is therefore respectfully recommended the claim be paid in full. Cheque to be endorsed to care of William Smith, Notary Public, Fort Qu'Appelle, N.-W.T.

Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Commandant.

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QU'APPELLE VALLEY FARMING COMPANY (LIMITED),  
BELL FARM,  
INDIAN HEAD, N.-W.T., 30th July, 1886.

To Lieut.-Colonel JACKSON, D. A. G.,  
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—When in Ottawa, you spoke to me of an account for hay delivered at Houghton Station by John Cameron.

Enclose you will find a voucher from D. A. McArthur, Depot Clerk, which I found in a bunch of old papers this morning.

There is no doubt that this is all right and should be paid.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours truly,

W. B. BELL.

MANITOBA PENITENTIARY,  
STONY MOUNTAIN, 8th June, 1886.

M. M. & D.

A 3,821.

To Col. PANET,  
Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence,  
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose you herewith, a letter from one named W. Smith, referring to a claim of \$40, for hay sold to the Government for behoof of Transport Service, by John Cameron. As I have sent you on a former occasion all papers in connection with this claim, I should be glad to hear that something has been done in the adjustment of the same.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
S. L. BEDSON.

### REPORT No. 150.

OTTAWA, 21st August, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 808.—M. M. & D., A 3,746.—John F. Snow, of Winnipeg, pay as Lieutenant of the 92nd Battalion (Winnipeg Infantry) and Dominion Land Surveyors' Intelligence Corps, \$116.92; expenses going from Ottawa to Winnipeg, \$61.75; and field allowance, \$53.28. Total claim, \$231.95.

1st. Pay, \$116.92.—Mr. Snow went to Winnipeg with Lieut.-Col. Scott, expecting a Lieutenantancy, which Lieut.-Col. Scott says he was not certain he could give until after reaching Winnipeg. Snow acted as Lieutenant up to 11th April, at which time, on the advice of Lieut.-Col. Scott, and being a Dominion Land Surveyor, he enlisted with Captain Dennis in the Intelligence Corps, in which Surveyors ranked as Lieutenants. He proceeded with the Corps to Qu'Appelle, and subsequently to Swift Current. On about 23rd April he was invalided, and returned to Qu'Appelle, and by Lieut. Col. Scott's orders went into camp with the Winnipeg Infantry, under the care of Surgeon Seymour, where he speedily recovered, and continued to serve as Lieutenant and Intelligence Officer up to 9th June. It appears, therefore, the claimant did duty 73 days as Lieutenant (one day less than claimed for), at \$1.58, \$115.34. Recommended.

2nd. Expenses, \$61.75. It appears, by the papers, claimant accompanied Lieut.-Col. Scott from Ottawa to Winnipeg, for the purpose of accepting a Lieutenantancy in the Winnipeg Infantry. Lieut.-Col. Scott, however, says:—"But was not certain could give him a Lieutenantancy until arrival in Winnipeg—found I could not." There is nothing to show Lieut.-Col. Scott had authority to take Mr. Snow with him, and as the latter appears to live in Manitoba or the North-West, he would not be entitled to transport and expenses en route. Rejected.

3rd. Field allowance, \$53.28. It appears Mr. Snow acted as Lieutenant, under Lieut.-Col. Scott, from 29th March to 10th April, inclusive; then enlisted in the Intelligence Corps, in which he served until the 23rd April, inclusive. On account of sickness he was unable to proceed with the Corps from Swift Current, where he had accompanied it. He then returned as far as Qu'Appelle, when Lieut.-Col. Scott took him on as Intelligence Officer, in which capacity he served to the 9th of June, making 73 days in all (one day less than claimed), at 62 cts., \$45.26. Recommended.

It is therefore respectfully recommended the following amounts be paid:—

Pay .....	\$ 115 34
Field allowance .....	45 26

Total .....

	\$ 160 60
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making a reduction of \$71.35.

WINNIPEG, 13th August, 1886.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you, that in March last I sent in to Minister of Militia, certificate of service of Lieut. Fred. Snow, in 95th Batt., as follows:—

Joined 29th March. It was not certain I could give him Lieutenancy until arrival in Winnipeg. Found I could not. He served as such, however, until he joined Intelligence Corps, 11th April; was granted sick leave at Moose Jaw, 23rd April. On arrival at Qu'Appelle Station he had improved, and I attached him to the Regt. until he would be able to join his own Corps. Captain Dennis was moved on at once to the front, and it was difficult for him to join. He remained with me as Intelligence Officer until 24th July, and rendered good service. I supposed he had been kept on the strength of Captain Dennis' Corps.

I have, etc.,

THOS. SCOTT,

Lt.-Col., 95th.

To Lieut.-Col. JACKSON, D.A.G.,  
Ottawa.

W. C. 837.—Lieut.-Col. Scott, of the Winnipeg Infantry (now 95th Battalion), for transport and expenses going from Ottawa to Winnipeg, \$69.

The Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence authorized Lieut.-Col. Scott to proceed to Winnipeg and organize a Battalion for service in the North-West, which he did. As other officers who went up for a similar purpose were paid their expenses, it would appear but right this officer should also be paid; but, as there are errors in the charges as compared with what other officers who went on the same train paid, it is respectfully recommended the following sums be paid:—

Ticket, Ottawa to Winnipeg.....	\$ 47 25
Pullman, three nights at \$2, one night at \$3.....	9 00
Meals .....	9 00
Total.....	\$ 65 25

making a reduction of \$3.75.

Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 151.

OTTAWA, 23rd August, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 837.—Gallaher, Sons & McGregor, of Winnipeg; \$209.61.

The claimants were contractors with the Hudson's Bay Company, to furnish fresh beef to the troops on the line of march, at seventeen cents per pound. It appears by the sworn testimony of Sydney Swindford, Assistant Commissary with the troops, countersigned by Captain H. Swindford, Commissary, this beef was issued to the troops and transport on the first day of the fighting at Batoche. Owing to the excitement at the time, no requisition was given or receipt taken. The delay in presenting the account was because Swindford and others who were present and witnessed the delivery were absent from Winnipeg.

It is therefore respectfully recommended the claim be paid in full.

Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 152.

OTTAWA, 24th August, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 769, \$20; No. 814.—M. M. & D., A 3,722, \$101; No. 815, \$72; total \$193. Hudson's Bay Company, Winnipeg.

No. 769, \$20. This sum was paid Louis Paternaud by order of Lieut.-Col. Osborne Smith, C. M. G., for conveying despatches from Fort Pitt to Lake of Islands and Red Deer River, on 30th July, 1885. The vouchers being correct, payment is respectfully recommended.

No. 814, \$101. The Hon. the Minister authorized this sum to be expended by Captain Young in securing the graves of dead soldiers at Fish Creek. This authority was telegraphed to Capt. Young, at Prince Albert, by the Major-General Commanding, on 30th April, 1886. On this authority the Hudson's Bay Company paid \$100, 1 per cent. commission being charged, making \$101, which is respectfully recommended for payment.

No. 815, \$72. This is a claim for money paid Isaac Laidman, for time occupied by one team going from Portage la Prairie to Qu'Appelle, and two teams returning, three days each. Under date of 2nd June, 1885, Lieut.-Col. Whitehead authorized the Hudson's Bay Company to pay all teamsters, where not included in time check, a sufficient number of days to cover time occupied in going from and to the points of shipment on the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Hudson's Bay Company certify this as a case in point, and there is no doubt the teams moved as stated (weigh bills attached to claim), but the time notes are so indefinite, it is difficult to check the exact service covered. Major W. R. Bell, Transport Officer, stated before the Chairman, that in many instances the railway journey was not included in pay rolls. As this claim appears to be well established by documentary evidence, payment is respectfully recommended, making a total on these claims of \$193.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 153.

OTTAWA, 13th September, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. 801.—M. M. & D., A 3,411.—F. N. Gisborne, Superintendent of Telegraph Service, on behalf of the claimants, viz: Sub-Agent Voulindeburgh, Touchwood, \$50; Sub-Agent Anderson, Humboldt, \$50; Agent Molloy, Clark's Crossing, \$50; Repairer McFarlane, Battleford, \$100; Repairer Latimer, \$100; Chief Operator Richardson, Battleford, \$150; and District Superintendent Hartley Gisborne, Battleford, \$200. Total \$800.

F. N. Gisborne, Superintendent of Government Telegraph Service, recommends the above, on account of the continuous day and night service frequently performed under the most hazardous circumstances, the different stations being in the heart of the rebel stronghold. All admit the efficiency of the service, which was frequently

performed under very trying circumstances; and as all Government employees engaged in suppressing the rebellion were paid in excess of their ordinary salary, it would appear but just and right those men should receive some remuneration.

As a recognition of the different grades, the following would probably be fair. Sub-Agents and Repairer, \$1; Agents, \$1.50; Chief Agent, \$2; and District Superintendent, \$2.25 per day.

It is therefore respectfully recommended the following amounts be paid:—

Sub-Agent Voulindeburgh, 18 days at \$1.....	\$18 00
do Anderson do .....	18 00
Repairer McFarlane, 41 days at \$1.....	41 00
do Latimer 41 do .....	41 00
Agent Molloy, 41 days at \$1.50.....	61 50
Chief Operator Richardson, 41 days at \$2.....	82 00
District Superintendent H. Gisborne, 41 days at \$2.25....	92 25

Total..... \$353 75

making a reduction of \$446.25 on the several claims.

*Rejected.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.

Chairman.

### REPORT No. 154.

OTTAWA, 21st September, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 845.—Thomas Logan, of Birtle, Manitoba, \$14.50.

This claim is certified and recommended by Major C. A. Boulton, late Commander Boulton's Mounted Infantry, and is for forriage and other expenses incurred by Logan and two others in going round by Prince Albert to fetch horses left there. As Major Boulton's certificate should be accepted for this sum, it is respectfully recommended for payment in full.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,

Chairman.

### REPORT No. 155.

OTTAWA, 22nd September, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 836.—M. M. & D., A 3,179.—Capt. E. P. Leacock, Paymaster, Winnipeg Light Infantry, Winnipeg, \$125, for a horse.

It appears the claimant took a horse with him when going on service. Paymasters are not entitled to a horse; but it would appear Lieut.-Col. Smith disregarded the regulations and allowed the irregularity, which cost the Government a large sum for transport and forage. Captain Leacock left his horse at Fort Pitt, and brought with him to Winnipeg one of the Mounted Police horses, which was subsequently claimed and returned to Inspector John Allen. Captain Leacock says his horse was sold on Government account. There is nothing to substantiate this except the certificate of Lieut.-Col. Smith. The statement is presumed to be correct. It is therefore respectfully recommended the claim be paid in full.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 156.

OTTAWA, 24th September, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 766.—Geo. A. Gibson, of the town of Qu'Appelle, N. W. T., for ten tons of hay at \$12, \$120.

It appears the claimant delivered this hay on the 29th, 30th and 31st March, 1885, immediately after the arrival of the troops at Qu'Appelle, and before a proper organization of the Commissariat branch, consequently the books which were subsequently opened do not show the transaction.

The affidavits and statements attached to the claim, leave no doubt about the delivery; and, after a careful examination of vouchers for hay delivered during the first month of the campaign, no payment of the kind can be found. It is therefore respectfully recommended for payment in full.

*Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

CANADA,  
North West Territories,  
To wit:

In the matter of the claim of George A. Gibson for ten tons of hay alleged to have been supplied for use of North West Field Force,

I, Archibald McDonald, of Fort Qu'Appelle, in the North-West Territories, a Chief Factor in the Hudson's Bay Company, do solemnly declare.

1. That I have read over the statements of George A. Gibson, of Qu'Appelle Station, made under oath, on the 4th day of February, 1886, in support of his claim for payment of ten tons of hay supplied to the transport service of the North-West Field Force, in the latter part of the month of March, 1885.

2. That so far as statements contained in paragraph 4 and of Gibson's affidavit are concerned, I know the same to be true.

3. That I am positive, no receipts, for the ten tons of hay in question, ever came to my hand, and there is no record in my office of any such receipts having been transmitted. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act passed in the 37th year of Her Majesty's reign entitled: "An Act for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths."

ARCHIBALD McDONALD.

Declared before me, at Fort Qu'Appelle, this second day of July, A.D. 1886.

HUGH A. J. MACDOUGALL, A Notary Public in and for the North West Territories. }

CANADA,  
North-West Territories, }  
To wit:

I, William E. Jones, of the town of Qu'Appelle, in the North-West Territories, Gentleman, make oath and say:—

1. That I recollect during the latter part of March, 1885, in my capacity of Chief Clerk, Transport Service, North-West Field Force, having received several tons of hay from George A. Gibson, for which I granted receipts to him in the ordinary way.

2 I have no memoranda by which to ascertain the exact quantity of hay delivered by Gibson, but I believe it was in the neighborhood of fifteen or sixteen tons in all.

3. At Mr. Gibson's request I accompanied him to Mr. Swinford's office, who was there to be Supply Officer, to try and obtain a settlement from him, but Capt. Swinford informed me that the receipts had been forwarded by him to the Hudson's Bay Company, at Fort Qu'Appelle.

4. I am aware that Gibson left here on the Transport Service a few days afterwards, and returned some time early in July, when he again called on me, and I was surprised his account had never been settled.

5. I then wrote to Captain Swinford, at Winnipeg, enquiring about the matter, and he replied by letter requesting me to see Major Rickards, who had the books and should be in a position to settle the claim.

6. I then interviewed Major Rickards at his office, who told me he knew nothing of the claim, and I asked him to make enquiry as to the facts of the case, but do not know whether he did so or not.

W. E. JONES.

Sworn before me, at the Town of Qu'Appelle, }  
in the North-West Territories, this 25th }  
day of June, A.D. 1886.

LESLIE GORDON,  
A Notary Public in and for the North-West Territories.

CANADA,  
North-West Territories, }  
To Wit:

I, Thomas T. Thomson, of the town of Qu'Appelle, in the North-West Territories, Lumber Merchant, make oath and say:—

1. That on or about 1st April, 1885, George A. Gibson gave me an order on Archibald McDonald, the Hudson's Bay Factor, to collect an account due to him for hay supplied to the Transport Service.

2. That I forwarded the said order to my agents at Fort Qu'Appelle, Messrs. Cruthers & Tregent, for collection.

3. That Messrs. Cruthers & Tregent advised me, in due course, that Mr. McDonald had refused to pay the said order, because it was unaccompanied by the proper vouchers, and which he said were not in his possession.

THOMAS THOMPSON.

Sworn before me, at Qu'Appelle Station, }  
in the North-West Territories, this }  
5th day of July, A.D. 1886.

LESLIE GORDON,  
A Notary Public, in and for the North-West Territories.

CANADA,  
North-West Territories, }  
To wit:

I, George Gibson, of the town of Qu'Appelle, North-West Territories, make oath and say:—

1. I did, on the 29th, 30th and 31st days of March last, deliver in all ten tons of hay for the Government Transport Service at the town of Qu'Appelle.

2. Each load was measured and passed by Mr. W. E. Jones, Transport Officer, who gave me receipts for the same.

3. On 31st March, I presented these receipts to Captain Swinford, Supply Officer, who retained the receipts, and told me to call the next day and he would settle with me.

4. I called on the following day, and he referred me to Arch. McDonald, Hudson's Bay Factor; I saw Mr. McDonald, who informed me he had not the receipts and could not pay me, but if they had been sent to Fort Qu'Appelle, he would bring them down and settle with me.

5. As I was then going on the Transport Service, I left the matter in the hands of Mr. Thomas Thomson, to look after the matter for me, but he was unable to obtain a settlement, as the before mentioned receipts never turned up.

6. I came back in July, having been out on the Transport Service during the intervening period, and made application for a settlement to Major Rickards, who was then in charge, but he said "he had no power to settle the matter."



7. In August, shortly before Major Rickards left, I again saw him about my claim, he then looked up the requisition book and showed me an entry in it (on or about 31st March) of a requisition for sixteen tons of hay, marked unpaid.

8. I have never received any payment, either in whole or part, for the aforesaid ten tons.

9. On the second or third of April, just before going out on the Transport Service, I delivered four tons more, for which I also obtained receipts from Mr. W. E. Jones, and was duly paid by Archibald McDonald's order on Caswell's Bank.

GEO. A. GIBSON.

Sworn before me, at the town of Qu'Appelle, }  
in the North-West Territories, this fourth }  
day of February, A.D. 1886. }

LESLIE GORDON,  
A Notary Public for N.-W. T.

## REPORT No. 157.

OTTAWA, 1st October, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 838.—M. M. & D., A 2,511.—Lieut.-Col. Amyot, commanding 9th Battalion, on behalf of himself and officers, claim for allowance in lieu of rations, while on service in the North-West, \$534.32.

Owing to the numerous claims put forth by the officers of this Corps, and the many articles not authorized by the Regulations and Orders, which were purchased by these officers and charged to the Government, necessitated the examination of the whole of the transactions during the period of service, viz., from 31st March to 21st July, 1885. Consequently I had Major Guy, Paymaster of the North-West Forces, examine the various documents and submit a report, which is herewith attached. As this report is compiled from official documents on file in the Department, its correctness cannot be questioned.

In order that a proper debit and credit account might be prepared, 40 cents per day (the money value) is taken as the cost of rations, notwithstanding the fact that when officers took meals at hotels not less than \$1.50 per day was paid by the Department.

With a view of making this a final adjustment of accounts with the Corps, an account with each officer has been prepared and is contained in the report.

The closing summary shows the Battalion is indebted to the Department to the amount of \$1,478.52, and to nine officers of the Corps whose names, with respective amounts are given, \$92.90.

It would therefore appear desirable the Department call upon the officer commanding the Battalion to refund \$1,478.52 and account for such rations and forage as may have been issued at Calgary by Mr. McGibbon, for use of the Corps, while en route to Quebec (they having been provided with meals all the way), also to settle with his officers for the respective amounts due them.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Dockets herewith, M. M. & D., A 2,511, A 2,862, A 3,156, A 4,015 and Guy's report:

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

M. M. &amp; D.

A. 2,511.

W. O.—838.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,  
(ACCOUNT BRANCH),

OTTAWA, 27th September, 1886.

To Lieut.-Col. JACKSON, D. A. G.,  
P. S. & P. O., &c.,  
Ottawa.

Sir,—

1. In *re* the claim for rations, &c., by the Officers of the 9th Battalion (V. Q.), I have the honor to state that Lieut.-Col. Amyot is in error in stating "We were under the impression we had the right to draw money in lieu of rations. Our first pay was given in this manner." The fact is, he obtained an advance of \$2,700 from the Department before leaving Quebec, from which he deducted the amount of his first pay lists, which cover the period he was under arms at Quebec previous to moving West. The Officers were presumed not to have been furnished with rations and lodgings during that period, hence the pay lists were allowed to pass. But I personally warned the Paymaster of the Corps, when in Winnipeg, in April, 1885, that rations were available, and that they were not entitled to the allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, under 983, R. & O., 1883. Moreover, the Corps actually drew rations for their Officers at Winnipeg, for 13 days, from the 12th to the 24th April, 1885, inclusive, and were provided with meals en route to the West.

2. I respectfully submit that the matter of drawing rations by the Officers of the 9th, V. Q., while on service in the North-West, was purely a regimental affair, for which the Department is not in any way responsible to the individual Officers of the Corps. The rations were available at the posts at which the Corps served, as evidenced by the fact that the Non-Commissioned Officers and men were furnished with rations or meals at these posts; and the claims of individual Officers now under consideration must establish the fact that the Officer commanding the Corps, or those commanding Detachments there of, are responsible to the Officers who served under them, for the value of any rations they may have neglected to draw.

3. Lieut.-Col. Amyot's contention, based on a quotation from 985, R. & O., 1883, that the words: "Except when on actual service" removes all doubt is not clear. I presume he means as to his being entitled to a money allowance in lieu of rations. To this I take exception, because 985, R. & O., 1883, says: "Except when on actual service in the field, Officers are not entitled to rations of any kind at the Government expense." The Government provided these rations and Officers to issue them. It is however assumed that the Department is desirous of dealing liberally in this matter; I therefore deal with the individual claims of Officers on the basis of the actual money value of the rations (40 cts. per day) for the period of their service, which I suggest be allowed. Nevertheless it will be borne in mind the Commanding Officer of the 9th is responsible to the Department on account of horses, saddlery, stores, &c., and that the corps was overpaid on account of rations, forage, &c., at Quebec for the month of July by Lamson, in September, 1885; consequently a summary will be found at the end of this report, showing the amounts due to or by each individual Officer, and the balance due to the Department by the Corps, as far as obtainable.

4. The correspondence of the several officers of the Corps is entirely irrelevant, because it asks for information which they should be prepared to furnish the Department when called for, and seeks to hold it responsible for a purely Regimental matter, reflecting on their own apparent want of knowledge of their duty. For instance, see Lieut. Col. Kvanturel's letter, M. M. & D., A 2,826, in reply to which I may state that this officer's claim (W. O. 628.—M. M. and D., A 2,696) is in effect a claim for \$92. The amount was not stated by Evanturel; but it amounted to the same thing, as it is obvious that in all such cases, the Commission were bound, on a basis of the period covered, and the nature of the claim, to establish its money value; and I repeat the neglect of duty on the part of any Officer Commanding a corps, detachment, or post, to draw rations, when there was a responsible Officer ready to issue those rations, does not render the Department liable for their value, because it was the Commanding Officer's duty to requisition the Supply Officer for rations for his Officers. The Supply Officer could not issue until he was asked.

5. The only stations about which there seems to be any doubt as to rations or meals being furnished to the Officers of the 9th are Calgary, and on their return from the West at Winnipeg, and the Hudson's Bay accounts seem to indicate the issue of rations to the Officers of this Corps at Calgary. For instance, G. O. King & Co.'s account, butter, 84 lbs. at 30 cts., and 61 lbs. at 25 cts., \$30.45; I. G. Baker & Co., for trip to Mountains, \$60. The latter was for the Officers, and is additional to the \$75.50 referred to in the proceedings of the Commission, Report No. 107 and which it is proposed to charge to the Corps.

6. Lt.-Col. Evanturel's claim. This claim is erroneous and amended. The Corps left Quebec on 2nd April, 1885. Evanturel is entitled therefore to only 31 days (from 31st March to the 2nd of April) allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, *vide* 982, R. & O., 1883. Meals were furnished from the 3rd to the 11th April, en route to Winnipeg; from the 12th to 24th, both dates inclusive, rations were drawn at Winnipeg from 25th to 27th, both dates inclusive, meals were furnished en route to Calgary. Meals were furnished from the 7th to the 10th of July, inclusive, en route from Calgary to Winnipeg, and from the 16th to 31st July, both dates inclusive, on the passage from Winnipeg to Quebec. Paymaster Lamson, in September, erroneously paid ration and lodging allowance, &c., from 1st to 21st July. Mr. McGibbon, S. O. at Calgary, reported the 9th Battalion without horses when they went West in April, 1885, that they were provided with horses, saddles and bridles at Government expense, and that forage was provided for these horses at Government expense. Omitting the claim for a horse,

which will be dealt with regimentally, because two are said to have been paid for, but I do not know by whom payment was made, it appears to me the claim should stand thus:—

*Lt.-Col. Evanturel, in Account with Department Militia and Defence.*

To 7 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, at \$1 per day, from 31st March to 6th April.....	\$ 7 20
9 " meals furnished en route to Winnipeg, from 1st to 6th April, inclusive, at 40 cts .....	3 60
13 " rations drawn at Winnipeg, from 12th to 21st April, at 40 cts. ....	5 20
3 " meals en route to Calgary, 25th to 27th April, at 40 cts .....	1 20
2 " board at Calgary, between 28th and 30th April, at 40 cts ...	0 80
4 " meals returning to Winnipeg, 7th to 10th July, at 40 cts....	1 60
5 " meals returning to Quebec, 16th to 21st July, at 40 cts .....	2 00
21 " allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, from 1st to 21st July, at \$1.....	21 60
Gay's, April, 1885.—V. 119.	
To 24 days' pay for horse and forage allowance, from 7th to 30th April, inclusive, at \$1.35 .....	32 40
7 " pay for horse at \$1, \$7; 31 days' forage for May, at 35 cts., \$10.85.....	17 85
Forrest, July, 1885.—V. 60, 61.	
To 30 days' allowance in lieu of forage, 1st to 30th June, at 25 cts.....	19 50
Lampson, Sept., 1885.	
To 21 days' forage allowance, 1st to 21st July, at 35 cts. ....	7 35
Add to 1 Mexican saddle and bridle, provided at Calgary, not accounted for, say .....	40 00
One set driving harness, do <i>vide</i> McGibbon's return.....	45 00
	<u>\$195 50</u>

CONTRA.

By 3 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, <i>vide</i> 983, R. & O., from 31st March to 2nd April, inclusive, at \$1.....	\$ 3 00
110 " allowance in lieu of rations, at say, 40 cts., from 3rd April to 21st July, inclusive .....	44 00
	<u>47 00</u>
Balance due Department.....	<u>\$148 50</u>

*Department Militia and Defence, in Account with Capt. Fages.*

7. This account is erroneous, and is amended; on the basis and for the reasons stated in Evanturel's claim, it appears to stand thus:—

To 3 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, <i>vide</i> 993, R. & O., from 31st March to 2nd April, 1885, inclusive, at 75 cts....	\$ 2 28
100 " allowance in lieu of rations, at say, 40 cts. a day, from 3rd April to 21st July, inclusive....	44 00
	<u>\$ 46 28</u>

CONTRA.

By 7 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings at 76 cts. a day from 31st March to 6th April.....	\$ 5 32
9 " meals en route to Winnipeg, from 3rd to 11th April, at 40 cts. ....	3 60
13 " rations at Winnipeg, 12th to 24th April, at 40 cts .....	5 20
3 " meals en route to Calgary, 25th to 27th April .....	1 20
2 " board at Calgary, between 28th and 30th April, at 40 cts... ..	0 80
4 " meals returning to Winnipeg, 7th to 10th July, at 40 cts... ..	1 60
5 " meals returning to Quebec, 16th to 21st July, at 40 cts .....	2 00
21 " allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, from 1st to 21st July, at 76 cts. a day.....	15 96
	<u>35 68</u>
Balance apparently due Fages.....	<u>\$ 10 60</u>

But McGibbon reported to me personally that the 9th V. Q. Battalion was provided with two car loads of rations and forage on leaving Calgary, and as they were also furnished with meals en route to Winnipeg, and thence to Quebec, it would appear necessary to have an account of these rations from the corps in order to determine whether the Department is liable, particularly as the men were rationed and forage drawn for horses in addition, from the 11th to the 16th July, inclusive (as appears by my

July, 1885, accounts, vouchers 119, and upwards) while at Winnipeg, returning from the west. McGibbon is responsible in a measure (though not financially) for this double supply of rations to the men, because he should have notified the Commissariat Department that he had issued forage and rations to the corps before leaving Calgary on their return journey, and also that he had given a voucher to an officer of his staff covering meals to the Battalion *en route* to Winnipeg.

8. Captain Garneau's claim is identical with that of Fages, and he appears to be entitled to \$10.60, provided the rations referred to are accounted for

9. Captain Frenette's claim is also the same as that of Fages. He appears, with the same proviso, to be entitled to \$10.60.

10. Captain LeVasseur's claim is also the same, and, with the proviso stated, he appears to be entitled to \$10.60.

11. Paymaster Dugal's claim is somewhat different, and appears to stand thus:—

To 3 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, <i>vide</i> 983, R. and O., 31st March to 2nd April, at 90 cts .....	\$ 2 70	
110 " allowance in lieu of rations, at 40 cts. a day, 3rd April to 21st July, inclusive .....	44 00	\$16 70

CONTRA.

By 7 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, <i>vide</i> 983, R. and O., from 31st March to 6th April inclusive, at 90 cts...	\$ 6 30	
9 " meals <i>en route</i> to Winnipeg, from 3rd to 11th April, inclusive, at 40 cts .....	3 60	
13 " rations at Winnipeg, 12th to 24th April, at 40 cts .....	5 20	
3 " meals <i>en route</i> to Calgary, 25th to 27th April, at 40 cts....	1 20	
2 " board at Calgary, between 28th and 30th April, at 40 cts...	0 80	
4 " meals returning to Winnipeg, from 7th to 10th July, at 40 cts .....	1 60	
5 " meals returning to Quebec, from 16th to 21st July, at 40 cts.	2 00	
21 " allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, from 1st to 21st July, at 90 cts. ....	18 90	39 60
Apparently due Dugal's .....		<u>\$7 10</u>

With the proviso stated previously in the case of Fages.

12. Captain Perrault's claim is identical with that of Fages. With same proviso, Perrault appears to be entitled to \$10.60.

13. Lieut.-Col. Amyot's claim is, with some additions, similar to that of Evanturel's. It requires to be reversed, and appears to stand as quoted over leaf.

*Lieutenant Colonel Amyot, in account with Department of Militia and Defence.*

To 7 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, at \$1 a day, from 31st March to 11th April, inclusive.....	\$ 7 00	
9 " meals <i>en route</i> to Winnipeg, from 3rd to 11th April, inclusive, at 40 cts .....	3 60	
13 " rations at Winnipeg, from 12th to 24th April, at 40 cts....	5 20	
3 " meals, <i>en route</i> to Calgary, 25th to 27th April, at 40 cts...	1 20	
2 " board at Calgary, between 28th and 30th April, at 40 cts..	0 80	
4 " meals, returning to Winnipeg, 7th to 10th July, at 40 cts.	1 60	
5 " meals, returning to Quebec, 16th to 21st July, at 40 cts...	2 00	
21 " allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, 1st to 21st July, at \$1.....	21 00	
Guy's, April, 1885.—V. 119.		
To 24 days' pay for horse and forage, 7th to 30th April, at \$1.35.....	32 40	
31 " allowance in lieu of forage, 1st to 31st May, at 35c., \$10.35		} 17 85
Forrest, July, 1885.—V. 60, 61.		
7 days' pay for horse, in May, \$1.....		} 10 50
30 " allowance in lieu of forage, 1st to 30th June, at 35 cts.....		
Lampson, Sept., 1885, account.		
To 21 days' allowance in lieu of forage, 1st to 21st July, at 35 cts.....	7 35	
Add—1 Mexican saddle and bridle provided at Calgary, not accounted for, say .....	40 00	\$150 50

CONTRA.

By 3 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, <i>vide</i> 983, R. & O., 31st March to 2nd April, inclusive at \$1.....	\$ 3 00	
110 " allowance in lieu of rations, from 3rd April to 31st July, inclusive, at say 40 cts. ....	44 00	47 00

Balance due Department .....

\$108 50



CONTRA.

By 3 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, vide 983, R. & O., 31st March to 2nd April.....	\$ 2 28	
110 " allowance in lieu of rations, 3rd April to 21st July, inclusive, at 40 cts.....	44 00	
Amount under paid by Forrest in July on account of Company pay for June.....	5 00	
		<u>51 28</u>
Balance due to Department.....		<u>\$11 60</u>

Major T. Roy, in Account with the Department.

(Assumed to have been on Detachment.)

To 7 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, from 31st March to 6th April, at \$1 per day.....	\$7 00	
9 " meals en route to Winnipeg, 3rd to 11th April, inclusive, at 40c.....	3 60	
13 " days' rations, at Winnipeg, 1st to 24th April, at 40cts.....	5 20	
77 " Meals or rations paid for or drawn, from 25th April to 10th July, from leaving to return to Winnipeg.....	30 80	
5 " meals, returning to Quebec, from 16th to 21st July, at 40c...	2 00	
To 21 days allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, 1st to 21st July at \$1 a day.....	21 00	
Guy's April, 1885.—V. 119.		
To 24 days pay for horse and forage allowance, from 7th to 30th April, inclusive, at \$1.35.....	32 40	
Forrest, July, 1885.—V. 60 and 51.		
To 31 days' allowance in lieu of forage, 1st to 31st May, at 35 cents.....	\$10 85	} 17 85
7 " pay for horse in May, at \$1.....	7 00	
30 " allowance in lieu of forage, 1st to 30th June, at 35 cents.....	10 50	
21 " " " to 21st July.....	7 35	
Lampson's acct, Sept., 1885.		
Add 1 Mexican saddle and bridle provided at Calgary, not accounted for, say.....	40 00	
		<u>177 70</u>

CONTRA.

By 3 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, vide 983, R. & O., 31st March to 2nd April inclusive at \$1.....	\$ 3 00	
110 days' allowance in lieu of rations, 3rd April to 21st July inclusive, at say 40 cts. a day.....	44 00	
		<u>47 00</u>
Balance due Department.....		<u>\$130 70</u>

17. Captain and Adjutant Casgrain, in Account with Department.

(It is assumed this officer served at Calgary.)

To 7 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, from 31st March to 6th April, inclusive, at 90 cts.....	\$ 6 30	
9 " meals provided en route to Winnipeg, from 3rd to 11th April, inclusive, at 40 cts.....	3 60	
13 " rations drawn at Winnipeg, 12th to 14th April, at 40 cts.....	5 20	
3 " meals en route to Calgary, 25th to 27th April, at 40 cts.....	1 20	
2 " board at Calgary, 28th to 30th April, at 40 cts.....	80	
4 " meals returning to Winnipeg, 7th to 10th July, at 40 cts.....	1 60	
5 " meals returning to Quebec, 16th to 21st July, at 40 cts.....	2 00	
21 " allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, 1st to 21st July, vide 983, R. & O., at 90 cts. a day.....	18 90	
Guy's April, 1885.—V. 119.		
To 24 days' pay for horse and forage allowance, 7th to 30th April, inclusive, at \$1.35.....	32 40	
Forrest, July, 1885.—V. 60 and 51.		
To 31 days pay for horse and allowance in lieu of forage, 1st to 31st May, at \$1.35.....	41 85	
30 " pay for horse and allowance in lieu of forage, 1st to 30th June, at \$1.35.....	40 50	
21 " pay for horse and allowance, 1st to 21st July.....	28 35	
Lampson, Sept., 1885.		
Add 1 Mexican saddle and bridle provided at Calgary, not accounted for, say.....	40 00	
		<u>\$322 70</u>



21. *Lieutenant Casgrain, No. 2 Company, in Account with Department.*

(Assumed to have served on Detachment)

To	7 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, 31st March to 6th April, at 72 cts .....	\$ 5 04
9	" meals <i>en route</i> to Winnipeg, 3rd to 11th April, inclusive, at 40 cts.....	3 60
77	" meals or rations, 25th April to 10th July, from leaving to return to Winnipeg, at 40 cts.....	30 80
5	" meals returning to Quebec, 16th to 21st July, at 40 cts.....	2 00
21	" allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, 1st to 21st July, at 72 cts .....	15 12
13	" rations drawn at Winnipeg, 12th to 24th April, at 40 cts. ...	5 20
		<u>\$ 61 76</u>

CONTRA.

By	3 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, 31st March to 2nd April, at 72 cts. ....	\$ 2 16
110	" allowance in lieu of rations, 3rd April to 21st July, at 40 cts. ....	44 00
		<u>46 16</u>
	Balance due Department .....	<u>\$ 15 60</u>

22. *2nd Lieut. D. W. Maurice, No. 2 Company, in Account with Department.*

(Assumed to have been on Detachment)

To	7 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, at 69 cts. ....	\$ 4 83
9	" meals provided <i>en route</i> to Winnipeg, at 40 cts.....	3 60
13	" rations drawn at Winnipeg, 12th to 24th April, at 40 cts....	5 20
77	" meals or rations, 25th April to 10th July, at 40 cts.....	30 80
5	" meals returning to Quebec, 16th to 21st July, at 40 cts .....	2 00
21	" allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, 1st to 21st July, at 69 cts. ....	14 49
		<u>\$ 60 92</u>

CONTRA.

By	3 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, 31st March to 2nd April, inclusive, at 69 cts .....	\$ 2 07
110	" allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, 3rd April to 21st July, at 40 cts.....	44 00
		<u>46 07</u>
	Balance due Department .....	<u>\$ 14 85</u>

23. Captain Ohouinard returned home from Mattawa when *en route* for the West, and was paid and subsisted to 12th April.

24. *Captain Drôlet, No. 3 Company, in Account with Department.*

(Assumed to have been on Detachment.)

To	7 days' allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, 31st March to 6th April, inclusive, at 76 cts .....	\$ 5 32
9	" meals provided <i>en route</i> to Winnipeg, at 40 cts.....	3 60
13	" rations at Winnipeg, 12th to 24th April, at 40 cts.....	5 20
77	" meals or rations, 25th April to 10th July, at 40 cts.....	30 80
5	" meals returning to Quebec, 16th to 21st July, at 40 cts.....	2 00
21	" allowance in lieu of rations and lodgings, 1st to 21st July, at 76 cts. ....	15 96
		<u>\$ 62 88</u>

CONTRA.

By	3 days' allowance in lieu of rations, 31st March to 2nd April, at 76 cts. ....	\$ 2 28
110	" allowance in lieu of rations, 3rd April to 21st July, at 40 cts.....	44 00
		<u>46 28</u>
	Balance due Department .....	<u>\$ 16 60</u>

25. The account of W. D. Baillairgé, of No. 3 Company, stands the same as that of Lieutenant Casgrain, No. 2 Company. There is a balance due the Department of \$16.60.



- 26. The account of Lieutenant Labranche, No. 4 Company, is the same as Casgrain, No. 2 Company. Balance due Department, \$15.60.
- 27. The account of Lieutenant Fiset, No. 4 Company, is identical with that of 2nd Lieutenant Maurice, No. 2 Company. Balance due Department, \$14.85.
- 28. The account of Captain F. Pennie, No. 5 Company, is similar to Drolet's. He owes the Department \$16.60.
- 29. Lieutenant F. V. Dupuis, No. 5 Company, is identical with that of Labranche, of No. 4. Due to Department, \$15.60.
- 30. 2nd Lieutenant A. Dion's account (No. 5 Company) is the same as that of Maurice, of No. 2 Company. Balance due to the Department, \$14.85.
- 31. The account of Lieutenant A. Shebyn is identical with that of Lieutenant Casgrain, No. 2 Company. Balance due Department, \$15.60.
- 32. The account of Captain Pinaut, No. 7 Company, is identical with that of Captain Drolet, No. 3 Company. Balance due Department, \$16.60. \*
- 33. The account of Lieutenant Pelletier, No. 7 Company, is identical with that of Lieutenant Casgrain, No. 2. Balance due Department, \$15.60.
- 34. The account of 2nd Lieutenant Routhier, No. 7 Company, is identical with that of 2nd Lieutenant Maurice, No. 2. Balance due Department, \$14.85

35. The Corps being supplied with rations for the men, and forage for their horses, I have charged the forage to the individual officers, charge against the respective Companies the money drawn at Quebec, from Lampion, on account of one day's subsistence of the men at Quebec, in July last. It will be borne in mind that up to the date the Corps was relieved from duty, no account whatever was given of the two cars of rations and forage issued to the Battalion, on leaving Calgary for the East, by Mr. McGibbon.

No. 1	Company,	29	non-commissioned	officers and men,	at 40 cts.	\$11 60
2	"	30	"	"	"	12 00
3	"	22	"	"	"	8 80
4	"	25	"	"	"	10 00
5	"	27	"	"	"	10 80
6	"	24	"	"	"	9 60
7	"	32	"	"	"	12 80
8	"	14	"	"	"	5 60

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Overcharge to the Department.... \$81 20

36. I do not know the value of the three horses unaccounted for, and chargeable to the Battalion, but it is within the bounds of reason to assess their value at \$100 each, or \$300 in all; because, even if they cost less, the officers of the Corps who brought them East, were aware of the fact that they had no further use for them when ordered home, and that they should have returned them to the Supply Officer, at Calgary, before leaving. Of the five horses originally furnished the Corps, two it appears, have been accounted for since it reached Quebec; and it is doubtful whether I should allow the Corps the option of settling for the remaining three horses, without adding the cost of the transport from Calgary to Quebec of the five. I suggest, however, the \$300 be allowed to pass, because McGibbon knew these horses were Government property, and neither notified the Commissariat Department at Winnipeg, nor took any steps to recover them, nor even mentioned the matter until it came up in connection with the present claims. Say due the Department for 3 horses, \$300.

37. With reference to the proceedings of the Commission on War Claims, under date 25th January last, I requested Lieutenant-Colonel Amyot, on account of War Claim No. 611, Mrs. Shearer, Fort McLeod, making palliasses, &c., for 9th Battalion, \$48, to make a refund of that amount in accordance with the Minister's decision. The refund has not been made, and the charge remains against the Battalion \$48.

38. Report No. 102, War Claims Commission, Statement No. 6, Hudson's Bay account, Voucher No. 416: "Subsistence of Officers of 9th Battalion while on a pleasure trip to the Rockies, \$77.50." The Commanding Officer of the Corps should be called upon to refund to the Department. Balance due Department, \$77.50.

39. Report No. 102, Statement No. 13, Hudson's Bay Company's account, Voucher No. 711, Calgary--Straw hats and helmets, \$100.77, for the 9th Battalion. Supply Officer Woolsey paid for one lot of helmets, and the Corps (including Officers) was supplied from Government Stores, Winnipeg, with white helmets by order of the Director of Stores. The Officer Commanding the 9th Battalion should be called upon to refund the amount to the Department. Due to the Department, \$100.77.

40. There is also a quantity of stores, referred to in my letter to you under date 1st June last, to be accounted for by the 9th Battalion--with the exception of the saddles and bridles which I have charged in this statement.

41. From the foregoing it is evident the 9th Battalion owes the Department for a car of rations at least. That is assuming the forage to have been used, though the forage was drawn on the return journey when at Winnipeg. Due the Government one car rations (food) for men, value not known.

\* Should read 2nd Lt. Belque, and his account similar to that of 2nd Lt. Maurice, Balance due Dept. \$12.65.

42. SUMMARY.

*The 9th V. Q. Battalion, in Account with Department.*

To amount due Department by Evanturel. <i>Vide Sec. 8, this Report</i> .....	\$ 149 50
“ “ Amyot “ 13 “ .....	103 50
“ “ Fiset “ 15 “ .....	11 60
“ “ Roy “ 16 “ .....	180 70
“ “ Casgrain “ 17 “ .....	175 70
“ “ De Blois “ 18 “ .....	178 50
“ “ Hamel “ 20 “ .....	15 00
“ “ Casgrain “ 21 “ .....	15 00
“ “ D. W. Maurice “ 22 “ .....	14 85
“ “ Drolet “ 24 “ .....	15 00
“ “ Baillairgé “ 25 “ .....	15 00
“ “ Labranche “ 26 “ .....	15 00
“ “ Fiset “ 27 “ .....	14 85
“ “ Pennie “ 28 “ .....	15 00
“ “ Dupuis “ 29 “ .....	15 00
“ “ Dion “ 30 “ .....	14 85
“ “ Shebyn “ 31 “ .....	15 00
“ “ Belque “ 32 “ .....	13 65
“ “ Pelletier “ 33 “ .....	15 00
“ “ Routhier “ 34 “ .....	14 85
On account of allowance in lieu of rations for the men of the 8 companies, overdrawn, at 40 cts. <i>Vide Sec. 33, this Report</i> .....	81 20
Amount due Department on account of 3 horses. <i>Vide Sec. 33, this Report</i> .....	300 00
War Claim 6:1. <i>Vide Sec. 37, this Report</i> .....	48 00
War Claims Report 102. <i>Vide Sec. 35, this Report</i> .....	77 50
“ “ 102 “ 39 “ .....	100 77
Car of rations (food for Corps). <i>Vide Sec. 41, this Report. Value not known.</i>	
Stores to be accounted for through the General Officer Commanding. <i>Vide Sec. 40, this Report. Value not known.</i>	

\$ 1,571 42.

CONTRA.

By amount due to Pages. <i>Vide Sec. 7, this Report</i> .....	10 60
“ “ Garneau “ 8 “ .....	10 60
“ “ Frenette “ 9 “ .....	10 60
“ “ Le Vasseur. “ 10 “ .....	10 60
“ “ Dugal “ 11 “ .....	7 10
“ “ Pinault “ 12 “ .....	10 60
“ “ La Rue “ 13 1/2 “ .....	11 60
“ “ Talbot “ 14 “ .....	10 60
“ “ Father Faguy “ 19 “ .....	10 60
“ “ Ohoulard “ 23 “ .....	Nil.

\$ 92 90

Balance due Department ..... \$ 1,478 52

43. The want of a statement from the Officer Commanding the Battalion, which should have accompanied these claims for rations, and shown the names of the officers, stations, and periods at each station, during their term of service in the North-West, has caused me to assume the officers who have not sent in claims served at stations as stated by me in this report. Hence some objection may be taken with regard to the latter; but the report is, on the basis stated, correct.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE GUY, Major, &  
P. M. N.-W. Forces.

[Papers returned herewith M. M. and D., A 2,511; A 2,836; A 3,516 and A 4,015.]

the corps had been liberally supplied on Government account, through the Hudson's Bay Company, which the following issues show:—

Hudson's Bay Co., statement No. 1, Voucher 120, Qu'Appelle— Pants, underclothing, &c.....	\$ 391 80
Hudson's Bay Co., statement No. 1, Voucher 172, Qu'Appelle— Jackets, boots, socks, &c.....	25 00
Hudson's Bay Co., statement No. 1, Voucher 32, Ellice— Jackets, boots, shirts, socks, &c.....	147 05
Hudson's Bay Co., statement No. 4, Voucher 1, Qu'Appelle— Clothing and underclothing.....	2,232 09
Hudson's Bay Co., statement No. 4, Voucher 1, Swift Current— Clothing and underclothing.....	781 00
Hudson's Bay Co., statement No. 4, Voucher 59, Ellice— Duck coats and helmets.....	474 35
Hudson's Bay Co., statement No. 4, Voucher 65, Ellice— Boots, clothing, &c.....	40 90
Hudson's Bay Co., statement No. 5, Voucher 214, Winnipeg— Six dozen of socks.....	28 80
Hudson's Bay Co., statement No. 4, Voucher 61, Ellice— 'Allowance in lieu.....	25 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,145 99</b>

In addition to this large expenditure of \$4,145 99; for clothing, &c., tobacco to the value of \$73.30, was issued also, making a total per man of \$48.49.

The 90th Battalion went through the campaign without having been properly supplied by the Department, but were subsequently paid \$13.95 per man, which was considered a fair amount.

If Major Boulton made any special promises to his men, it was a personal or regimental matter, an exceptionally high rate of pay for use of horses having been granted that officer, by authority of the Minister, to enable him to meet exceptional engagements; but, in any case, no further payment on account of clothing can be recommended, either individually or to the corps.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 160.

OTTAWA, 13th October, 1836.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 816.—M. M. & D., A 3,734.—Certain Chippaweyan Indians, at Beaver River, and Onion Lake, N.-W.T., for twenty-six head of cattle, taken and slaughtered for use of the troops when north of Fort Pitt.

No weight or price was given when the claim was rendered, consequently a large amount of correspondence has taken place with the Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs and Supply and Transport Officers, with a view of obtaining such information as would enable the Commission to arrive at a just conclusion, so as to

recommend paying these loyal Indians fully what they are entitled to. Mr. Hayter Reed, Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has given an approximate value, which appears very much higher than is warranted by the report of Sergt. Major J. S. Benn, Assistant Supply Officer, who gives the weight of animals slaughtered, and received by him; but as steers and calves were weighed together, it is difficult to arrive at the different values. Being desirous of recommending a liberal payment, on request, a competent person has kindly given a valuation of each, and after having compared these with prices paid for oxen at Fort Pitt, and considered the other valuations, payment of such prices are recommended as follows, which may be considered very liberal, as the cattle were taken alive; in recommending these sums, the value of the hides and tallow are included.

Certificates given by Major General Strange and Rev. Father L. Logoff, appear to leave no doubt as to the number of cattle taken, and the latter gives the names of owners with the respective animals.

It is therefore recommended that the following sums be paid:—

Jacquot Janvier—

2 steers, 3 years' old, at \$60.....	\$120 00
2 do 2 do at \$40.....	80 00
4 do 1 do at \$25.....	100 00
5 calves, 2 and 3 months old, \$12.....	60 00
	<u>\$360 00</u>

Narcisse Issiaciage—

1 steer, 2 years' old, at.....	\$ 40 00
1 calf, 1½ months old, at.....	10 00
	<u>\$50 00</u>

Antoine Janvier, sen.—

1 steer, 1 year old.....	\$ 25 00
	<u>\$ 25 00</u>

Baptiste la Grosse-Tête—

1 heifer, 1 year old.....	\$ 30 00
1 bull, 1 year old.....	25 00
1 calf, 1 month old.....	8 00
	<u>\$63 00</u>

Laurent Dy-Enake—

1 heifer, 1 year old.....	\$ 30 00
	<u>\$ 30 00</u>

Louis Janvier—

1 calf.....	\$ 12 00
	<u>\$ 12 00</u>

Jean Toho—

1 calf, 6 months' old.....	\$ 18 00
	<u>\$ 18 00</u>

Baptiste Grandbois—

1 steer, 2 years' old.....	\$ 40 00
	<u>\$ 40 00</u>

Michel Montaghairs—

2 calves at \$10 each.....	\$ 20 00
	<u>\$ 20 00</u>

Nabatoche Vieux—

1 ox, 6 or 7 years' old.....	\$ 90 00
	<u>\$ 90 00</u>

Making the total payment of \$708, showing a reduction of \$2.7 on approximate value of Mr. Reed.

It is recommended these payments be made through the Indian Commissioner, copy of respective valuations and names of claimants to accompany cheques.

*The Minister has authorized the payment of this claim, reduced to \$708.*

*O. RUG. PANET, D. M. M. & D.*

6-11-86.—

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.

Chairman.

To the Secretary,  
War Claims Commission,  
Ottawa.

Sir,—At this distance of time, and in the absence of documents and of the Supply Officers, I cannot certify to detail of cattle killed for rations for Force on Beaver River, especially as some were used by General Middleton's Force, but I believe the number stated to be about correct.

I would suggest your applying to Captain Wright, 43rd Regiment Supply Officer, or Mr. Bean, Assistant Supply Officer, now in Post Office Department, Ottawa.

Your obedient servant,

T. B. STRANGE,  
Major-General,  
late Commanding Alberta Field Force.

(Extract.)

I, the undersigned Missionary Priest, certify that the above claims are correct and according to fact.

I know all the Indians, and I am certain that they have really lost all that they claim, with the exception of "Michel Montagnais," who was absent, therefore I do not know the exact number of cattle that the Troops took from him.

I feel I am right in marking the two calves opposite his name.

The Montagnais assure me that they saw these two calves when they drove the herd to General Strange's Camp, and they did not see them afterwards.

I have not marked down a cow which the above mentioned Michel has also lost, although my Montagnais are certain she was eaten by the Troops.

L. LEGOFF,  
Priest.

In addition—

Amable Tu Oaa—1 horse.....	\$75 00
Baptiste Sargent—1 mare .....	\$60 00
1 foal .....	20 00

L. LEGOFF,  
Priest.

REPORT No. 161.

OTTAWA, 15th October, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 850.—M. M. & D., A 6,071.—O. E. Hughes & Co., Prince Albert, agent for Stobart, Sons & Co., presented by Macdonald, Tupper & Phippen, of Winnipeg, for 10 cords of wood, at \$3.50, \$35.

It appears by a certificate of J. H. Underwood, Commissariat Officer, when General Middleton's column reached Prince Albert, they took the wood and used it, without giving a requisition, and as the price appears reasonable, it is respectfully recommended for payment in full, the cheque to be forwarded through Macdonald, Tupper & Phippen, Winnipeg.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D. A.G.,  
Chairman.

### REPORT No. 162.

OTTAWA, 22nd October, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 822.—W. H. Trounce, of Saskatoon, three items, viz.: 2½ days' board of Thomas Fawcett, and horse, of the Intelligence Corps, at \$6 per day, \$15; two days each for two men driving cattle from Fish Creek to Saskatoon, \$3 each, \$12; and one team, four days, going to Elbow and return, at \$8 per day, \$32. Total, \$59.

Fawcett gave a receipt for 2½ days' board of self and horse, without naming any sum. As the charge of \$6 per day is exorbitant, it is recommended \$2 per day be paid, making \$5.

The second item of \$3 per day, for men driving cattle, is also considered too high. It is therefore recommended that \$2 per day per man be paid, making \$8.

The third item of one team, four days, at \$8 per day, is also excessive, as the claimant (Trounce) furnished teams, 4th June, to Deputy Surgeon-General Roddick, for conveying medical supplies from Moose Jaw to Saskatoon at \$5 per day, and for conveying convalescents from Saskatoon to Moose Jaw at the same price. It is therefore recommended \$5 per day be paid for this service, making \$20.

S. L. Bedson certifies to the last two items, and Fawcett's receipts show the board and horse feed were had. It is therefore respectfully recommended the total sum of \$33 be paid in full of claim, showing a reduction of \$26.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

### REPORT No. 163.

OTTAWA, 26th October, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 855.—Lieut. Col. A. Peebles, of Winnipeg, the difference between his pay of \$41.66 per month, and \$4.87 per day, the pay of his rank, 321 days, to 30th September, 1886, \$1,229.

Lieut. Col. Peebles is Superintendent of Stores and District Paymaster, at a salary of \$500 per annum, and when appointed it was understood he was to have free

house and garden in Fort Osborne, and fuel for his office, and as this office was a room in the dwelling, the fuel assisted largely in warming the house.

On the formation of the Mounted Infantry School Corps, the claimant was compelled to give up his quarters and rent a dwelling at \$360 per annum; and as he now receives no fuel, nearly, if not all, his salary goes to pay this additional expense.

The "A" and "B" Batteries having been continued in the North-West after the Rebellion, Col. Peebles had to pay these Corps, together with all contractors' claims, as well as perform a similar service for the Mounted Infantry School Corps; and the calling into store of large quantities of equipment distributed throughout Manitoba and the North-West Territories during the troubles, has necessitated constant and laborious duties. As Paymasters making similar payments, where permanent Corps are located, receive extra remuneration, and as the claimant has previously been paid \$3.50 per day for extra services in connection with the North-West Forces, I would most respectfully recommend a similar payment now, making a total of \$1,123.50, showing a reduction of \$105.50.

*Rejected.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 164.

Ottawa, 28th October, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

W. C. No. 34.—M. M. & D., A 2,471.—John Cottingham, \$678.50, for saddlery supplied the Troops, Calgary; previously reported on, and rejected on the ground the claims were all against Steele's Scouts, and should be paid for by the men who received the goods. The correspondence shows some of the articles were for the Alberta Mounted Rifles, and the Alberta Field Force, which were returned and sold by auction on Government account, as stated by Major-General Strange in his letter of 8th July, 1886.

Captain J. K. Oswald, late of Steel's Scouts, now Lieutenant, Mounted Infantry School Corps, Winnipeg, in letter of 16th February, 1886, says he has in his possession \$244.75 which was stopped from the pay of men belonging to Steel's Scouts to pay for articles furnished by Cottingham.

It is therefore most respectfully recommended Captain Oswald be required to refund that sum to the Department, and Cottingham's claim be paid in the usual way; \$50 was advanced by the Department to the claimant on 26th August, 1885, and three saddles (\$99) appear to have been charged twice, they having been included in a payment made by the Hudson's Bay Co. These sums ought therefore to be deducted from the claim, which would be as follows:—

Total claim.....	\$678 50	
Less paid by Department.....	50	} 149 00
Three saddles charged.....	99	

Balance recommended for payment.....	\$529 50
Less paid by Captain Oswald, as per his letter, 20th November, 1886, and Cottingham's receipt 10th March, 1886.	194 75

\$334 75

*Approved—A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## MILITARY COLONISATION RANGE,

P. O. GLIBCHEN, Alberta, 8th July, 1886.

To Sir A. P. CARON, K. O. M. G., &c.,  
Minister of Militia

Sir.—The account for saddlery, &c., due to Mr. John Cottingham, furnished by him for Alberta Field Force on my order, acting on your authority to assume command, has not been paid.

I notice in the report (Blue Book) for 1886, a recommendation signed by you that Mr. Cottingham should be paid by me, or Major Steele, commanding the Corps, to whom the saddlery was supplied.

You cannot be aware that the saddlery in question was returned into Government charge and sold by their order by Mr. Metcalfe, Auctioneer for the Government at Calgary, on the disbandment of the Force.

At the time the saddlery was ordered there was no means of any other supply. I had urgent orders from General Middleton to march north as soon as possible, to relieve Edmonton. Not only had Mr. Cottingham my authority, but also that of General Middleton, to whom Mr. Cottingham applied personally, at Qu'Appelle, being furnished by me with a letter to General Middleton, in which the prices were stated.

General Middleton directed Mr. Cottingham to supply, as quickly as possible, as there was no available saddlery suitable for the North-West in store at that time, nor procurable at short notice.

As you are now in possession of the above facts, I have no doubt you will see the justice of Mr. Cottingham's claim, and its exceptional character, and that you will order payment:

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

T. B. STRANGE, Major-General,  
Late Commanding Alberta Field Force.

WINNIPEG, 16th February, 1886.

To Lt.-Col. HUGHSON, D.A.G.,  
Winnipeg.

Sir.—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your memo. regarding certain papers and vouchers forwarded to you by the Militia Department, and handed to me by you for explanation, said documents being accounts claimed by John Cottingham, saddler, late of Calgary, N.W.T., from Government and "Steele's Scouts."

The items due by "Steele's Scouts" are the following:—

Sergt.-Major Wilson.....	\$ 17 50
Trooper Miller.....	10 00
" Williams.....	4 00
" Benoit.....	60 00
" Smith.....	7 00
" Fisk.....	10 00
" Alley.....	9 50
" McQuarrie.....	65 00
" Kendig.....	3 50
" .....	4 75
" Simons.....	50 00
" Paton.....	3 50
	<u>\$244 75</u>

This total of \$244.75 I hold, and have done so since July last, having deducted the amount from the men's pay. Cottingham left Calgary before our return from the front, and I could not find him or the vouchers—I am prepared to pay the amount on receiving the enclosed receipt and discharge issued by Cottingham, with the vouchers attached cancelled and delivered up.

The sum of \$50 advanced by the Militia Department, I will deduct from said total of \$244.75, and credit in my account submitted to the President of Commission on War Claims on the 7th December last.

With reference to the balance of Cottingham's account, the items representing said balance were ordered by General Strange, for the use of his Column, and charged against Government. None of the articles were issued to my men, except gun slings, which were issued with the rifles belonging to Government, and returned into store with said rifles, at Calgary, on our arrival back from the front. Three spare saddles were carried in some of the transport waggons; and I know one was stolen at Fort Pitt, and two were lost on active service. Major Hatton got another spare saddle, that was left in my orderly room, before we left for the front; the others were issued to Couriers and Alberta Mounted Rifles, I understand, but not to any of "Steele's Scouts."

I was most particular, after our return to Calgary, in seeing all property of the Government, in the possession of "Steele's Scouts," returned into store before I commenced paying the men. All said property was sold by the Government Auctioneer.



I must remind the Department, after the wholesale stealing at Fort Pitt, it was next to impossible to account for all Government property; we recovered what we could, but not only was Government property taken away from there, but my own men, on their return from Loon Lake, found nearly all their personal baggage stolen, for which they have never yet received compensation. I herewith return all the documents.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. K. OSWALD, Capt. and Adjt.,  
"Steele's Scouts Cavalry, A. F. F."

MOUNTED INFANTRY BARRACKS,  
FORT OSBORNE, WINNIPEG, 20th November, 1886.

To Lieut.-Col. JACKSON, D.A.G.,  
Chairman War Claims Commission,  
Ottawa.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 3rd instant, and now beg to enclose copy of receipt from John Cottingham (certified correct by Lt. Col. Taylor), for \$244.75. I cannot part with the vouchers, as they are the only evidence I hold for the money paid out. They have already passed through the Militia Department and the Adjutant General's office, as well as the receipt. I trust, this will be sufficient to satisfy you as to what has been paid, and allow of your getting the balance of the claim. You will note that there are several vouchers paid that are not mentioned in your letter.

My letter of 16th February, 1886, to Lieut.-Colonel Houghton, D.A.G., fully explains the question re the voucher of \$335.25. None of these saddles were for officers of the Corps. They had their own saddlery, which they paid for themselves.

I have &c.

J. K. OSWALD, Capt. and Adjt.,  
Late "Steele's Scouts Cavalry, A. F. F."

Received this 15th day of March, A.D. 1886, from J. K. Oswald, Captain and Adjutant, "Steele's Scouts of Cavalry, A. F. F.," the sum of two hundred and forty-four  $\frac{3}{4}$  dollars (\$244.75) less the sum of fifty dollars (\$50 00) advanced me by the Militia Department. The said amount of \$244.75 being payment in full for saddlery and other articles purchased from me by certain members of "Steele's Scouts," as per vouchers attached, which are hereby cancelled and delivered up.  
\$244.75.

Witness,  
P. O'LEARY, P. M.,  
P. H. HEALY,  
10th March, 1886.

(Signed) JOHN COTTINGHAM,

True copy,  
20th November, 1886.

JOHN B. TAYLOR, Lt. Col.  
Commandant S. M. I.

## REPORT No. 165.

OTTAWA, 3rd November, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 758.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, \$852,331.32, subsequently rendered by the Railway Company, after the passage of the Order in Council, 30th January, as \$759,361.69, and again increased through errors in the account, discovered during the audit by \$1,286.44, making the amended claims \$760,648.13, to be settled on the basis of the Order in Council above referred to:

A careful audit having been made, the different charges compared with the terms authorized, and the annotations for corrections having been submitted from time to time to the officials of the Company, for consideration and reply, as shown by the

correspondence attached, by reference to which it will be observed the most liberal construction of the Company's claim has been given, resulting in the following adjustment, which is respectfully recommended as a final settlement:—

To amount paid on account.....	\$700,000 00
To amount of reduction as per papers A A, B, F, and G.....	21,744 00
Balance recommended for payment.....	38,903 87
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$760,648 13</b>

Showing reductions as follows:—

As agreed by the Railway Company.....	92,969 63
As shown on paper "G".....	\$21,744 26
Less amount added on paper "G".....	1,286 44
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$113,427 45</b>
<b>Or on the various claims.....</b>	<b>\$114,713 89</b>

The charge for meals being so much in excess of what it should have been for the Troops, the Commanding and Supply Officers were called upon for a return showing the number taken by the respective Corps. All gave returns showing exact number of meals taken at the respective stations, except Lieut.-Colonel Oswald, commanding Montreal Garrison Artillery, who said he was unable to do so, but that he gave receipts in all cases which the Railway Company should produce. This they failed to do. So, in order to deal liberally, the whole number charged to this Corps have been allowed, notwithstanding the absence of vouchers. There can be no mistake about the correctness of the number of meals allowed for other Corps. As we have the correct returns as above stated. It may be said in relation to this matter, no intention of wrong is attributed to the Railway Officials. As when the service was performed it was the intention to charge all expenses against the Government, consequently meals for the teamsters, and forage for their horses were no doubt included with those given to the Troops, and so returned by the Railway people who had charge of subsistence north of Lake Superior; but, after the Order in Council, 30th January, 1886, establishing a rate per mile to cover all expenses, except the subsistence of the Troops, necessitates the rejection of all expenses in connection with teaming. The large sum of sixty cents per meal has been allowed, and great care has been exercised in order to give the Railway Company credit for every one consumed; and throughout the most liberal construction has been given to the Order in Council affecting the items which make up the claim, with the view of giving the benefit of all doubts in favor of the claimants.

W. C. No. 830.—\$9,222.54 for services rendered subsequent to what are contained in the foregoing, and not all chargeable to North-West expenditure. In making the audit, a list has been prepared showing the different branches to which the various services are chargeable; that for the North-West being the only one we could check as to rates, the other items being connected with the ordinary service, and in the absence of any contract, the charges had to be accepted as correct, but it would appear desirable that an Order in Council should be passed establishing a rate similar to that given to the Grand Trunk and other railway companies, for future guidance. After deducting \$9.95 for tickets for Serjeant McGuire, for which there is no voucher, the balance, \$9,212.59 is respectfully recommended for payment, subject to being charged against the respective branches of service to which the items belong.

The report dated 19th July, 1886, is hereby cancelled, the amounts therein recommended being included in this as a final settlement.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

## G

AMENDED Statement of the Canadian Pacific Railway account, based on revision of audit made under terms of Order in Council, dated 30th January, 1886.

1886. To Amount of account as rendered under terms of Order in Council.....	\$ 759,361 69	
Undercharge on voucher 212, paper "A".....	867 44	
"    "    227    "    .....	382 00	
Special guide and baggage claim.....	237 00	
		<u>\$760,648 13</u>

## CONTRA.

July, 1885. By Amount paid by Department.....	\$ 400,000 00	
March, 1886.    "    "    Paymaster Guy.....	300,000 00	
"    Allowed by Company as per paper "A".....	\$ 4,674 06	
"    Disallowed to Company as per paper "A".....	7,510 89	
"    Disallowed to Company as per paper "B".....	12,905 44	
	<u>\$25,090 39</u>	
Less credited to the Company as per paper marked "F".....	3,603 01	
		21,487 38
By amount disallowed the Company as per paper marked "F".....		256 88
		<u>\$721,744 26</u>
Balance due to the Company.....		38,903 87
		<u>\$760,648 13</u>
Total.....		<u>\$760,648 13</u>

Submitted.

By order,

GEORGE GUY,  
Major, and P. M. N.-W. Forces.

To Lt.-Col. JACKSON, D.A.G.,  
P. S. and P. O.,  
Ottawa.

## REPORT No. 166.

OTTAWA, 6th November, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 831.—Dr. P. W. Rolston, of Birtle, late Surgeon of Boulton's Mounted Infantry, \$82, for surgical instruments taken by the enemy at Fish Creek.

After the fight, Dr. Rolston was left in charge of the wounded, in the temporary field hospital tents, while the new Camp was being prepared. The wounded were removed as fast as possible by waggon. When the last load was going, Dr. Rolston desired to have two medical boxes and instruments taken, but the Officer in charge refused, saying: "Another waggon would be sent to take tents and all other appliances." They did not arrive, and as the rear guard were retiring, Lieut. Col. Montizambert ordered Dr. Rolston to join his Corps, which he did, leaving all stores behind. On the following day, when the boxes were recovered, they had been broken open and the instruments gone; supposed to have been taken by the enemy. Major Bolton certifies to the correctness of this statement, and there appears no doubt the occurrence took place.

In order to make sure of the value of the instruments, the claim was referred to Dr. Roddick, the Deputy Surgeon General, who values them at \$57.25, as subsequently rendered by the claimant, which sum is respectfully recommended for pay-

ment, less \$17 paid by the Hudson's Bay Company to Dr. Rolston for examining seventeen recruits, 6th April, 1865, he having drawn pay as Surgeon of the Troop from the 4th of same month, consequently the examination of recruits would form a part of his duty. Balance recommended, \$40.25, making a reduction of \$24.75, and \$17 previously paid; total, \$41.75.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

### REPORT No. 167.

OTTAWA, 8th November, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

W. C. No. 836.—Deputy Surgeon General, T. G. Roddick, \$359.95, for various expenses in connection with Dr. Boyd, representative of the Princess Louise, necessaries for sick and wounded, transport and board of nurses' dressers, &c.

Dy. Surgn. Genl. Roddick's position appears to have required considerable travelling. He says he was instructed by the Hon. the Minister, to pay particular attention to Dr. Boyd, who had been sent from England by H. R. H. the Princess Louise, with a large and valuable lot of hospital supplies, many of which are now in store at Ottawa. During the hurry and difficulty of procuring written particulars in that sparsely settled portion of the Dominion, vouchers were not procured by the claimant, but as there appears to be no reason to doubt Dy. Surgn. Genl. Roddick's statement, the payment is respectfully recommended, less \$15 paid for driving looted horses and cattle from Fish Creek to Saskatoon, there being nothing to show the Government received any benefit from these animals.

Claim \$659.95 less \$15, balance recommended for payment \$644.95.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

### REPORT No. 168.

OTTAWA, 8th November, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 839.—Dr. E. E. King, of Toronto, late Field Hospital Corps, for pay, field allowance, rations and instruments.

This claim has been reported upon by the Deputy Surgeon-General, and pay as Surgeon from August 15th to September 3rd, 1865 (which of course covers rations, or an allowance of \$1 in lieu), while doing duty attending wounded and sick soldiers in the Hospital at Winnipeg, also for a case of surgical instruments used up while in the field.

As Dr. King volunteered for and went out as a dresser, but was subsequently promoted to Surgeon, and drew pay as such, from the date of starting to the date of

present claim, and was also supplied with rations, the same as others connected with the Field Hospitals; payment of field allowance and rations cannot be recommended. The following sums, however, are respectfully recommended for payment:—

19 days pay at \$3.65 .....	\$69 35
19 days in lieu of rations .....	19 00
Pocket case instruments and one hypodermic syringe.....	25 00

Total ..... \$113 35

Making a reduction of \$239.25.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

### REPORT No. 169.

OTTAWA, 8th November, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 39.—M. M. & D., A 3,103.—B. B. Lariviere, of Wepaka, Manitoba (merchant at Moose Mountain, N. W. T.) \$60.50, for provisions purchased by Captain White, commanding Moose Mountain Scouts, for distribution among the Indians; previously reported upon September 15th, 1885, and by direction of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, referred to the Department of the Interior; referred by the Department of Interior to the Commission on Rebellion Losses, and again returned to the Department of Militia and Defence.

Similar claims incurred by Lieut.-Col. Thomas Scott and other officers, having been paid, on the principle that a few presents to the different tribes had a beneficial effect on their conduct, it is respectfully recommended this claim be paid in full, and more particularly if one of our officers committed an error, the person furnishing supplies had no knowledge of such, and ought not to be the loser.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D. A. G.,  
Chairman.

### REPORT No. 170.

OTTAWA, 9th November, 1886.

#### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

##### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 181.—M. M. & D., A 3,015.—W. R. McClellan, of Red Deer, N.-W. T., balance of claim, damage to property by the 65th Battalion, \$1,395.75.

It appears Major Perry, Inspector of Mounted Police, in command of Troops in conjunction with Police, rented this property at a high rate, \$250 having been already paid therefor. On the arrival of the Detachment of the 65th, the building was loop-holed, a stockade and ditch constructed around the dwelling, and the two

stables demolished. Mr. J. K. Strachan, employed clearing up the stores, left on this trail, viewed the premises, and says all the charges are exorbitant, except \$150 for the two stables; and the lumber left on the premises is of considerable value. The claim has been referred through Lieut.-Col. Ouimet to Capt. Normandeau, the Officer in Command, and under whose supervision the alterations and work were performed. He reports the claim ought not to be paid, as the material left by the Detachment exceeded in value the damage done by occupation. This appears to apply to the dwelling only, but as the two stables were entirely demolished, \$150 is respectfully recommended for payment, the claimant to retain the material left, making a reduction of \$1,245.75. It may further be said, other bills for rent, household effects, supplies, services, timber, transport, &c., amounting to \$1,675.25, including the \$250 previously referred to, and already paid, with the sum now recommended, makes a total of \$1,825.25, exclusive of the large quantity of material left upon the premises, which will have been paid to the claimant.

*Approved.*—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

EDMONTON, N.-W. T., 17th September, 1885.

SIR,—Enclosed I forward claims of Mr. W. R. McClellan, of Red Deer River, for damages, &c, to his property, and for rent of the same, with agreement signed by Major Perry attached.

With regard to the first claim, I may say that I went over the premises and found that the place (as it is at present) has been virtually rendered useless as a dwelling house. It is surrounded by a stockade or fence about eleven feet high, port holes made on every side of the house (above and below), a large and deep entrenchment on the outside, and his stables completely removed. Of course there is a large amount of material, including pine logs and planks, but of such a length as not to be suitable for building purposes, yet of some value. There is also a quantity (about 1,100 feet) of 2-inch plank, besides large iron hinges, which are not marketable.

In my opinion the item of \$650, as damages to dwelling house, is excessive.

The other two items of \$425 and \$170.75, I also think excessive.

The last item appears to me reasonable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. K. STRACHAN.

Major GUY,  
Chief Transport Officer,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

To the President of the North-West Claims Commission.

SIR,—In accordance with the request of the Commission I have the honor to make the following report on the subject of Mr. W. R. McClellan's claims.

In my opinion this claim ought not to be allowed, because the material left by my detachment exceeded in value the damage done by the occupation of the house by the Government troops.

There remained on the spot many thousand feet of wood quite sound, which had not been in any way damaged, but was quite fit for building purposes.

When the item for taking down the old fence is made I cannot see why payment should be granted him, it was far from causing any damage, but on the contrary gave the property a value which it never had before.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CAPT. NORMANDEAU,  
Ex-Commander Red Deer.

To Lieut.-Colonel JACKSON.

## REPORT No. 171.

OTTAWA, 16th November, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 805.—R. G. Macdonnell, Cluny Station, Alberta, \$19, for powder and cartridges taken from him by Captain McIntosh, of the Winnipeg Light Infantry.

Major-General Strange issued an order that all powder and ammunition in stores on Blackfoot Reserves should be taken possession of by the troops, so as to prevent it falling into the hands of Indians, consequently this powder, and 375 centre fire cartridges, were taken possession of, for which a receipt was given, but as the weight of the powder is gross (as shown by Capt. McIntosh's receipt) five pounds are deducted for the weight of the package, making a reduction of \$2.25, the balance, \$17.55, is respectfully recommended for payment.

Approved.—A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 172.

OTTAWA, 24th November, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. Nos. 6, 7, 283, 702, 750, 818.—M. M. & D., A 4,094, 2,940.—The Qu'Appelle Valley Farming Company :—

1. Balance for hire of teams.....	\$4,900 00
2. Horses said to have been killed, but no proof is presented.....	1,200 00
3. Ambulance waggon said to have been lost.....	175 00
4. Difference in value of horse purchased.....	25 00
5. For use of water tank.....	39 00
	<u>\$6,339 00</u>

With the exception of the ambulance and water tank, these claims have previously been reported upon, and now stand as follows :—

1. The claimants supplied nearly one hundred teams for the Government transport service, for which they were paid, from about 28th March to 1st May, 1885, the sum of \$10 per day for each team; from 1st May until close of operations, \$8 per day, with free rations for the teamsters and forage for the horses.

A large number of teams were hired on 8th April, for \$6.50 per day.

Bell, Lewis & Co., when hauling freight by the ton, hired teams on or about 23rd May, 1885, to carry out the contract, for from \$2.50 to \$4.50 per day, with restrictions for hauling very much larger loads, and travelling longer daily distances than the Government day teams were doing.

Contractors engaged constructing the South-Western and North-Western Railways in Manitoba, during the same summer were, I have been informed, paying

about \$3 per day for teams engaged on those works, consequently the claimants have been already paid nearly three times the sum other people were getting for similar service.

2. The claim for dead horses is made under the general contract entered into between the Hudson's Bay Company and contractors furnishing teams. This contract has been submitted to the Honorable the Minister of Justice, who has given an opinion that the Government are not responsible for dead or injured horses. This decision confirmed the action of the Commission in rejecting this and similar claims.

3. The claim for a lost ambulance has not been supported by any evidence. The matter has been referred to officers who were north of Fort Pitt, where, it is alleged, the waggon was left, but they appear to know nothing about it.

4. The claim for balance on horse purchased, is for a reduction made in accordance with the estimated value by J. H. Metcalfe.

5. The claim for water tank (said to have been used by 91st Battalion.) Lieut.-Col. Scott told the chairman verbally, there were no grounds for the claim whatever, he having refused to certify when the claim was presented to him by the secretary of the company, Mr. Ebberts.

W. O. Nos. 300, 375, 397, 475, M. M. & D., A 4,095, W. R. Sinclair :—

1. Shortage charged on delivery of oats.....	\$3,271 06
2. Overcharge on rations and forage.....	1,539 97
3. Demurrage for not giving 8 days' notice of termination of contract .....	1,344 00
4. Demurrage at Battleford.....	672 00
5. do Humboldt .....	300 00
6. Balance for transport, 7th Fusiliers.....	770 00
7. Hauling supplies from Telegraph Coulees to Battleford and Fort Pitt, balance.....	115 00
8. Transport 92nd Battalion from Battleford to Swift Current, balance.....	1,490 00
	<u>\$9,502 03</u>

Also eleven horses price not given.

There are claims for services rendered, under a contract made on 27th June, 1885, between Major-General Middleton and the claimant.

The principal number of these claims were previously reported upon by the Commission, after having given them a most careful consideration, the awards being considered very liberal towards the claimant, the grounds of reduction being as follows:—

1. Shortage on oats delivered.

The amount was arrived at by comparing the shipping receipts with the delivery receipts, and in order that no injustice might be done the claimant, ten per cent. of the deficiencies, 18,172 pounds, were not charged.

2. Overcharge on rations and forage.

The prices charged for the various articles were the lowest wholesale prices at Winnipeg, nothing having been added for the freight, which would have largely increased the value at Clarke's Crossing, and other stations where they were received.

3. Demurrage on account of eight days' notice not having been given to terminate the contract.

The Major-General and other officers who knew anything about the contract, had left the country. The contractor was perfectly aware, when the stores at the different stations were all cleared up by his teamsters, there was no further freighting to be done; consequently, this claim was rejected.

4. Demurrage at Battleford

The original claim shows this occurred in August, after all the stores had been hauled. Sinclair knew there was no further work for his teams; consequently, he



is not justified in making this claim. The matter was fully considered by the Commission, and rejected.

The men who actually owned the teams and did the work have not filed any claim on account of those reductions. It is inferred by a letter sent by James Hoey, that Sinclair sent an agent to compromise with the teamsters and pay them off at a reduced price for all work performed, notwithstanding his profit had been excessive.

The claimant after having received payment, stated to the Paymaster he was perfectly satisfied by the awards made him by the Commission.

5. Demurrage for going to Humboldt for supplies and returning empty. The claimants teams had previously cleared up all stores at this station, and could only have returned with the object of being continued under pay, which the Commission refused to recommend.

6. Transport of 7th Fusiliers from Clarke's Crossing to Moose Jaw. The teamsters were ordered to proceed half way when they were to transfer their loads to teams sent from Moose Jaw, by Ross and Riddell. Several of the teamsters did return; others insisted on continuing, contrary to orders, (some, if not all of them, were returning home, for which they would receive pay for the days actually occupied in doing so, under their original day work agreement.) Ross and Riddell claiming for and receiving \$1,400 for their service by consent of Sinclair, in addition to what was paid the latter.

The number of days allowed for the trip was three in excess of the time in which John Stewart's teams performed the journey, when freighting by the ton, consequently this item is not a just claim.

7. Balance for hauling supplies from Telegraph Coulee and Battleford to Fort Pitt.

The amount claimed, \$115, is for reductions made for over time charged; custom has established a certain number of days for freighting over all the trails in the North-West, consequently the Commission allowed full and sufficiently liberal time to perform the journey which caused this reduction to be made.

8. Transport of 92nd Battalion from Battleford to Swift Current. Balance, \$1,400.

The established number of days occupied by ordinary teamsters were allowed, for which \$4,010 have been paid on the recommendation of the Commission, which was considered a liberal sum, and full pay for the time which should have been charged.

9. Eleven horses, for which no sum is named.

This is supposed to be for horses alleged to have been lost while teaming by the day, under a general contract with the Hudson's Bay Company. The Honorable the Minister of Justice having decided the Government is not responsible under that agreement, this claim, like other similar ones, could not be entertained.

The Commission on War Claims was appointed by Order in Council, under the laws of the Dominion, which gave them certain power to investigate and report upon these claims, and to make such recommendations as they considered just and equitable, which, when approved by proper authority, except in very exceptional cases, ought not to be subject to revision by the Board of Arbitrators.

These respective claimants now pray that His Excellency may be pleased to grant his fiat to authorize the filing of a petition of right in the Court of Exchequer, claiming from the Government the several sums referred to.

In dealing with all claims laid before them, the Commission made the most liberal recommendations on behalf of the claimants, the sums paid—having been largely in excess of the highest ordinary values of similar articles or services in that part of the country.

Should His Excellency be pleased to grant his fiat, a precedent will thus be established, which will encourage others who have, or will present exorbitant claims, with the hope of obtaining through the chances of law, and the general impression that the subject will receive more favorable consideration than the Crown, some portion at least of what they put forth as a claim, to petition for a similar favor, which,

if continued and sanctioned, will undo the work of the Commission, and frustrate the Government in their laudable effort to guard the Exchequer against those unpatriotic subjects, who would take advantage of their country's difficulties for their own aggrandizement, and to the detriment of their fellow subjects.

*Approved, A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

P.S.—Copy of contract with W. R. Sinclair attached.

No written contract with the Qu'Appelle Valley is known of.

“ A ”

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this Twenty-seventh day of June, A. D. 1885, between THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, hereinafter called the Government, of the First Part, and WILLIAM R. SINCLAIR, of the city of Winnipeg, in the County of Selkirk, and Province of Manitoba, Contractor, of the Second Part.

WITNESSETH—

That whereas the said the Government of the Dominion of Canada, have asked for tenders for the freighting of a large amount of stores from Clarke's Crossing, of the south branch of the Saskatchewan River, in the North-West Territories, of the said Dominion, to Battleford, in said North-West Territories, the estimated distance by trail being, one hundred and twenty miles.

And whereas the party of the Second Part, hath duly tendered for freighting of said stores, from said Crossing to the said town of Battleford, on the terms hereinafter set forth, and said tender has been, and is hereby accepted by the said Government—

Now this agreement witnesseth, that the party of the Second Part, for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, in consideration of the covenants of the said the Government of the Dominion of Canada, hereinafter set forth, covenant and agree as follows:—

1 To freight, convey and deliver, all stores for the North-West Field Force, of the said Dominion of Canada, now stored at Clarke's Crossing, aforesaid, on the south branch of the said River Saskatchewan, or which hereafter may be stored there, for said Field Force, from the east bank of the said River Saskatchewan, at Clarke's Crossing aforesaid, to Battleford aforesaid, there to be delivered to such officer or officers of the Government, as may, from time to time, be authorized to receive the same, at and for price or sum of three dollars and fifty cents per hundred pounds of freight, so delivered as aforesaid.

2. The party of the Second Part, shall keep constantly on hand, for the proper carrying out the above mentioned contract, not less than fifty teams, with the proper equipment for same.

3. The party of the Second Part, shall freight and convey, on each and every trip, from Clarke's Crossing to Battleford, not less than two thousand pounds of stores per team, and shall make on an average, not less than twenty-five miles per day, and shall commence freighting said stores within three days, from the date hereof.

4. The party of the Second Part, shall supply his own forage and provisions for said freighting.

5. The party of the Second Part, shall together with two sureties to be approved of by the said the Government, forthwith, enter into a good and sufficient bond, with said Government, for the faithful performance by the party of the Second Part of said agreement, hereby by him entered into, said bond to be for the sum of three thousand dollars.

6. The party of the Second Part, shall exercise due diligence and caution in the freighting of said stores, and shall be responsible for the loss of, or damage to any stores lost, or damaged through the negligence, or carelessness of him, the party of the Second Part, his agent or agents.

7. The party of the Second Part, shall carry free of cost, either to the Government, or to the party or parties carried, all and every sick, or wounded member or members of the said the North-West Field Force, who at any time, during the continuance of this contract, may apply to him for passage, from Battleford to Clarke's Crossing aforesaid, or to or from any intermediate point on such return trips, together with such person or persons' personal luggage, and fuel sufficient for cooking purposes; provided however, that the team or teams of the party of the Second Part necessary therefor, shall neither be overloaded nor unnecessarily delayed.

In consideration whereof, the said the Government of the Dominion of Canada, hereby covenant, and agree with the party of the Second Part, to pay to him the party of the Second Part, his executors, administrators, or assigns, for every one hundred pounds of stores so freighted, or conveyed from Clarke's Crossing, aforesaid to Battleford, aforesaid, and duly delivered over to such officer or officers, agent or agents, as may by the said Government from time to time be authorized to receive the same, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents, payable in monthly estimates, on the first day of each and every month, during the continuance of this contract, the first of such monthly estimates to become due, and be paid on the first day of August next; provided, however, and it is hereby expressly understood and agreed, that the party of the Second Part shall be obliged to produce duly certified vouchers of the officer or officers authorized to receive such stores at Battleford, as aforesaid, of the delivery of such stores, and shall only be paid the amount represented by such vouchers. Provided always, that.

twenty per cent. of the amount earned by the party of the Second Part, under this agreement, shall be retained, by the said the Government, from each and every of such monthly estimates, until the final completion and fulfilment by the party of the Second Part, of the covenants by him herein entered into.

In the event of the party of the Second Part, at any time, not being able to supply forage for his teams, or provisions for himself, his agent or agents, engaged in freighting said stores, he may by requisition to the proper officer or officers, receive from the stores of the Government sufficient of the same to last him until he can obtain a supply of the same for himself, whereupon the party of the Second Part shall have the option of replacing the stores so requisitioned at the place where the same were by him received, or of paying the Government, the actual cost price thereof laid down.

Should the Government require a team or teams for work, other than contract work, the party of the Second Part, shall supply the same forthwith, and shall receive therefor the sum of five dollars per day, together with forage and rations from the Government.

Should the teams, outfit or equipment of the party of the Second Part, at any time be damaged or destroyed through the acts of the enemy, the Government shall make good such loss to the party of the Second Part, provided the party of the Second Part, shall establish that proper precautions had been taken by him to prevent such loss.

The party of the Second Part shall, under this contract, be given the whole of the freighting the Government may require of said stores, and the Government shall constantly keep in store at Clarke's Crossing sufficient freight to employ at least fifty teams, required to be kept on hand by the party of the Second Part as aforesaid; provided however, that the Government may upon giving to the party of the Second Part, ten days' notice of their intention so to do, limit the number of teams to be employed by the party of the Second Part to any number not less than thirty.

Provided further, that the party of the Second Part, shall be paid the sum of four dollars per day for each and every team that shall be kept idle through the failure of the Government, to supply sufficient freight at Clarke's Crossing to keep the same employed, and shall during such delay supply forage and rations, for such teams and men as may through such failure be kept idle.

Provided always, and it is hereby expressly understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, that the said the Government shall have the power to cancel this agreement at any time upon giving to the party of the Second Part, notice that at the expiration of eight days thereafter, they the Government will require the party of the Second Part to freight no further stores, and at the expiration of such eight days, this contract shall cease, and be determined.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals.

FRED. MIDDLETON. [Seal]  
Major-General Commanding Forces in N.-W.  
WM. E. SINCLAIR. [Seal]

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of  
H. BOLSTER.

Know all men by these presents that we, WILLIAM R. SINCLAIR, of the city of Winnipeg, in the county of Selkirk, and Province of Manitoba, contractor, WILLIAM J. McLEAN, of Fort Pitt, in the North-West Territories, of the Dominion of Canada, Esquire, and DAVID McGRÉGOR, of the said city of Winnipeg, contractor—

Are jointly and severally bound to, and unto the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and their successors, in the penal sum of three thousand dollars of lawful money of Canada, for payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators.

Dated at Fort Pitt, in the North-West Territories of the Dominion of Canada, this third day of July, A.D. 1885.

Now, the condition of this obligation is such, that if the above named William R. Sinclair, do well and faithfully fulfil and perform each and every of the covenants, conditions and obligations by him undertaken and upon him imposed, in and by the contract with the said the Government of the Dominion of Canada, herewith annexed, and marked "A" in the manner, and within the time therein set forth, then this bond shall become null and void, otherwise the same shall remain in full force, virtue and effect.

Sealed with our seals this third day of July, A.D. 1885.

WM. E. SINCLAIR,  
W. J. McLEAN,  
DAVID McGRÉGOR.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of  
H. BOLSTER.

Major-General MIDDLETON,  
Commanding Forces in N.-W. Territories.

ON BOARD STEAMER "MARQUIS," 6th July, 1885.

Sir,—I hereby tender for freighting of all stores of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, now at Telegraph Coulee, on the south side of the north branch of the Saskatchewan River, to

Battleford, N.-W. T. trail, distance being eighty miles or thereabouts, for the price or sum of three dollars per hundred pounds of freight delivered, and I further agree to be bound in freighting said stores, by all the covenants and conditions by me agreed to and upon me imposed in and by a certain agreement entered into with you, as representative of said Government, on the 27th June, 1885, for freighting of stores from Clarke's Crossing to Battleford.

The trail from Telegraph Coulee to Battleford is so uneven that it is impossible to freight more than half a load per trip, and I therefore consider \$3 per hundred pounds a low tender.

Freighting of said stores to be commenced forthwith after acceptance of this my tender.

Witness,  
H. Bolster.

Yours, &c.,

WM. R. SINCLAIR.

ON BOARD STEAMER "MARQUIS," 6th July, 1885.

Major-General MIDDLETON,  
Commanding Forces in N.-W. Territories.

SIR,—I hereby tender for freighting of all stores of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, now at Humbolt, N.-W. T. to Clarke's Crossing, of the south branch of the Saskatchewan River, N.-W. T. trail, distance being sixty miles, or thereabouts, for the price or sum of two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per hundred pounds of freight delivered; and I further agree to be bound in freighting said stores by all the covenants and conditions by me agreed to and upon me imposed in and by a certain agreement entered into with you, as representative of the said Government, on the 27th of June, 1885, for freighting of stores from Clarke's Crossing to Battleford.

Freighting of said stores to be commenced forthwith, after acceptance of this my tender.

Witness,  
H. BOLSTER.

Yours, &c.,

WM. R. SINCLAIR.

ON BOARD STEAMER "MARQUIS," 6th July, 1885.

(Copy.)  
WILLIAM R. SINCLAIR, Esq.

SIR,—On behalf of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, I hereby accept your tender of this date for freighting of stores of the Government, now at Telegraph Coulee, to Battleford, N.-W. T., upon the terms and conditions therein set forth.

And I further accept your tender of this date for freighting of stores of the said Government, now at Humbolt, N.-W. T., to Clarke's Crossing, of the south branch of the Saskatchewan River, upon the terms and conditions therein set forth.

Yours, &c.,

FRED. MIDDLETON,

Major-General Commanding Forces in North-West Territories.

Witness,  
H. BOLSTER.

## REPORT No. 173.

OTTAWA, 9th December, 1886.

### WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

#### REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 340.—James McDonald, Edmonton, \$7, for a box with lock and hinges, for holding papers supplied J. K. Strachan, Supply Officer, while transferring surplus Military supplies to other Departments.

This claim has previously been reported upon, and reduced one half. The box is now used in the office at Ottawa, and should be paid for. Although the price appears very high, the amount being a petty one, it would be better to pay the balance \$3.50, than to have any dissatisfaction; which is respectfully recommended.

Approved, A. P. C., M. M. & D.

W. H. JACKSON, Lt. Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 174.

OTTAWA, 9th December, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 148.—M. M. & D., A 2,499.—Major-General Laurie, \$15, for one saddle and two bridles; previously reported upon and rejected, on the ground staff officers should supply their own saddlery.

It appears the claimant took two saddles and some bridles with him when going on service.—Lieut.-Col. Otter and his staff took no saddles. He, however, borrowed one, and two bridles, from Major-General Laurie. After the close of operations these articles were sent, with others, to Moose Jaw, and sold on Government account; consequently, the claim becomes a fair one against the Department. Lieut.-Col. Otter reported verbally, the saddle was second-hand, and considerably worn; the bridles common ones. Maynard, Harris & Co., charge for best English hunting saddles, from £3 5s. to £5; consequently, the sum claimed appears to be above their value.

It is, therefore, respectfully recommended thirty dollars (\$30) be paid in full of the claim, making a reduction of \$15.

*Approved, A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 175.

OTTAWA, 9th December, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 857.—Surgeon Alfred Codd, for attending sick and wounded of the North-West Field Force, remaining in Winnipeg hospital from 27th November, 1885, to 29th September, 1886, 306 days, at \$1.65, \$504.95.

Deputy Surgeon-General Roddick placed Surgeon Codd in charge of these duties, after Dr. King (whose pay and allowance were \$1.65 per day) had left. The claimant now asks for the difference between his pay as surgeon of the Mounted Infantry School and the above rate. The chairman can testify to the attendance and pay-taking way in which Surgeon Codd discharged these as well as other extra duties, connected with the force at Winnipeg, previous to his leaving, 8th December, 1885, and thinks he would be insufficiently paid if the whole sum were authorized; but as the claimant is entitled to allowances from the school, he would only be entitled to 65 cents per day to make the pay equal to that of a surgeon (the \$1 per day being for allowance.) It is therefore most respectfully recommended \$193.90 be paid, making a reduction of \$306.

*Refused, A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

## REPORT No. 176.

OTTAWA, 17th December, 1886.

## WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

## REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. O. No. 749.—Messrs. Boyd & Crowe, of Winnipeg, \$6 960, for conveyance of 348 officers and men from Saskatchewan Landing to Clarke's Crossing, on scows.

This firm entered into a contract with the Hudson's Bay Company, for the conveyance of 150 tons of military supplies, from and to the points above named, at \$80 per ton, for its first 100 tons, and \$60 per ton for the balance. The contractors to construct their own scows which were to carry in addition to not less than fifteen tons, twenty men each, and to draw not more than 13 inches of water when fully loaded.

The Government paid \$1,000 for a special train to convey the lumber, other material, and workmen, for construction of these scows, from Winnipeg to Swift Current, and from the latter to Saskatchewan Landing, 29 miles by waggon, free to the contractors.

Twelve scows were constructed and loaded with an average of over 23 tons each, exclusive of the soldiers, who worked the scows down the river (by which Boyd & Crowe's boatmen, excepting two as pilots, who were totally inefficient, were dispensed with, at a great saving to the claimants) during the passage, the troops went through great hardships in being in the water many times daily to float the scows, which were almost constantly running aground on account of the loads being largely in excess of the tonnage. At such times the stores were frequently thrown overboard, or left on the bank where they were not recovered, thereby causing a very great loss to the Government.

In these loads were included five tons for rations, and twenty tons for soldier's baggage; and although the rations were consumed by the men, full freight was paid, viz.: \$2,000 for rations and baggage.

Major General Laurie and Mr. Wrigley, Commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, who made the arrangements, both understood there was to be no charge for conveying the troops, which was fully paid by their working the scows.

It is inferred from the correspondence, the Hudson's Bay Company at first refused to pay the \$18,620 for the 277 tons received on board, but not delivered, as the freight on the large quantity thrown into the river, and left on the bank, should not only have been deducted, but the value thereof should have been charged to the contractors, and which in all probability may still be legally collected.

The receipt of Lieut.-Col. Deacon, of the Midland Battalion, who was in command at Clarke's Crossing, on which payment of the full freight was made, says:—"Commissary supplies said to contain 277 tons. The latter was conveyed complete, with the exception of such portions stored on the banks or thrown overboard."

When Boyd & Crowe were pressing for payment, a letter was written by the law firm of Bain, Blanchard & Mulock, to Mr. Wrigley, Commissioner Hudson's Bay Company, strongly supporting the claim, in which they use as an argument against any reduction: "We notice also that the barges carried a larger number of soldiers than Boyd & Crowe contracted they should carry, for which no extra charge is made."

Boyd & Crowe also gave a receipt on back of contract as follows:—  
\$18,620.00.

Received of the Hudson's Bay Company the sum of Eighteen thousand six hundred and twenty dollars in full, of all claims on the within contract.

N. BOYD.

G. R. CROWE.

WINNIPEG, 29th May, 1885.

This claim was laid informally before the Commission, just as they were adjourning. They were unanimous in declaring it most unreasonable, and they would recommend its rejection in the strongest terms, in which I fully concur.

I shall communicate with Major-General Laurie on the subject, should that officer report anything contrary to the foregoing it shall be laid before you.

*Approved, A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col., D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

REPORT No. 177.

OTTAWA, 21st December, 1886.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION.

REPORT

FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

W. C. No. 253.—M. M. & D., A 6,303.—J. D. Quail, of McLeod, Alta., \$89, for tables, benches, cupboards for 9th Battalion, while in Police Barracks.

This claim has previously been rendered in the name of Quail & Scott, and rejected by the Commission, on the ground that the 9th Battalion was provided with camp equipment, and should have lived in camp, instead of barracks, when at McLeod; consequently it was a regimental matter, and should have been settled by the officers; but as the North-West Mounted Police took possession of the articles (which appear to be of a permanent character) and still continue to use them, it now appears a fair and just charge against that Corps. It is, therefore, respectfully recommended the claim be transferred to the Comptroller of the North-West Mounted Police for adjustment.

*Approved, A. P. C., M. M. & D.*

W. H. JACKSON, Lt.-Col. D.A.G.,  
Chairman.

The original claim of Quail & Scott is attached. M. M. & D., A 2,547.

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