

COFFERDAM CONTRACT.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee, appointed to examine into and report upon the accounts in dispute between Reed Bros. & Co. and the Government, respectfully recommend that the amount of \$12,200 charged Reed Bros. & Co. for failure to complete contract by the 31st July, 1877; (the date of the expiration of the second extension of time,) be deducted.

The undermentioned estimate of the probable position of accounts between Reed Bros. & Co. and the Government, had Reed Bros. & Co. completed the Cofferdam, although not pretending to exact accuracy, or taking into account details, is given to broadly show that the recommendation of your Committee can be adopted without inflicting any injury upon the Province.

Your Committee hope that their recommendation will be approved, and that in the payment by the Government of the balance which will then be due to Reed Bros. & Co., the claims of the workmen and other local creditors of that firm will be first settled.

WM. WILSON,
Chairman.

REED BROS. & Co. IN ACCOUNT WITH GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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Cash paid by Government.....	\$30,357 42	Amount of contract.....
Work executed by Government to complete dam, as per report of Resident Engineer, 31st December, 1879.....	6,408 11	\$59,479 00
Salary of Engineer from 31st July, 1877, to 30th November, 1879.....	5,040 00	Amount of extra work.....
Cost of maintaining and removing Cofferdam, as per tender.....	15,000 00	5,555 37
Balance	8,228 84	
	\$65,034 37	
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		By Balance.....
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		And plant and material remaining after removal of Cofferdam.