

2245. Who put them in?—I do not know.

2246. Who signs the specifications?—I remember, that at the time the thing was not quite arranged in a manner that I was pleased with.

2247. Are you not responsible for the headings?—The headings I do not remember arranging in this way.

2248. Are you not responsible for the headings?—I have to be now, seeing that my name is at the foot of it. "The upper portions of the and particular parts of the work to be built in cement-mortar as specified." I do not say that the specifications are perfect, any more than my plans. I have never been able to make perfect plans yet.

2249. Did I understand from you that the back wall—the dotted line—was under the contract not to be carried out?—Not to be carried out throughout where not necessary.

2250. Will you show how that can be from the plans?—You will see from the plan itself, the one turned over.

2251. This dotted line?—Yes.

2252. Is that wall not shown on the cross-section?—At points it is shown it would have to go down.

2253. And not in other points?—I do not say that at all.

2254. Could you build that wall upon the edge of a cliff like that?—No; I think not. I should never have thought of it.

2255. You say here in a letter to Mr. Brindley "The back wall that is shown by a dotted line on the plan must be reckoned to have been in this category." That is a letter of the 28th April, 1882?—Read the whole letter. [Letter read.]

2256. Did you intend to pay for that back wall as an extra?—No, certainly not—not all of it; the sections shown there would go down at these points.

2257. Very well; you asked Mr. Hay a question with reference to that back wall; you asked him what was the meaning of this dotted line along the back elevation?—I did.

2258. Now, I ask you the same question: what is the meaning of it?—It shows the probable depth of the foundations.

2259. All along?—Yes.

2260. One uniform depth?—Yes, the probable depth—the average depth.

2261. Take this cross-section "I J"?—That is the one referred to.

2262. That line, I understand, corresponds with this line here, the dotted line in the back elevation?—I am not aware whether it does.

2263. Will you tell me whether it is so?—I cannot; you can tell by measurement,

2264. Can you tell by measurement whether that line corresponds with this one?—There is not a great deal of difference.

2265. They are practically the same?—Apparently they are.

2266. That line is the depth of the foundation at the back wing—that also corresponds with the back elevation?—Apparently so.

2267. Then, where are those bricks shown?—What bricks?

2268. In the foundation here, in the elevation section line "I J" in the back elevation, the footings are shown level there; would that be correct as regards the portion of the building where there are no projections?—The section would guide that.

2269. The back elevation would not be correct?—Not as regards that portion.

2270. You said in your evidence that in consequence of the change of site it was necessary to measure the foundations?—Yes.

2271. Could they not have been plotted on the new sections?—The new sections of the ground, so far as I know, were not taken.

2272. They were taken?—At any rate they were measured as they went on.

2273. But they might have been plotted upon the fresh sections?—I dare say they might have been.

2274. There was something said about plenty of good bricks being condemned, and occasionally second-class bricks allowed?—I do not know much of the second-class bricks being allowed. The bricks Mr. Brindley referred to I should look upon as average good bricks, as good bricks as were used generally in Dunedin. They were pressed bricks, and they were as good, and perhaps better than the ordinary hand-made bricks made in Dunedin, but not so good as the others that were there: the first-class pressed bricks put in the building.

2275. Are you aware of large quantities of bricks having been taken away by train or cart from the building—700,000?

*Mr. Gore*: What was said was that 4,700,000 bricks were made on the ground, and that about four million were used on the building.

*Mr. Blair*: Then the balance were disposed of otherwise?

*Mr. Gore*: Yes.

2276. *Mr. Blair*.] Do you know, Mr. Lawson, of your own knowledge, how much was condemned?—I could not tell the number. They were condemned by the kiln chiefly I think. As I said, there was slaughter amongst the bricks, and no mistake.

2277. Now the question has come up of your not backing up the Inspector?—You said that: nobody else has said that that I know of.

2278. I will ask you to read this letter—a letter from Mr. James Gore to Mr. Brindley: "I saw Mr. Lawson to-day, and asked him about the bricks, and he said that at the time he thought some of them would do, but did not say anything before Mr. Blair, but thought to leave it to you. He says you may let them use the best burnt of them, and I am to get the other kiln burnt as soon as possible. So you will please let them pick out the best of them, and I will be out on Tuesday.—W. J. GORE." I will put in the letter?—That has nothing to do with me.

*The Chairman*: What is it supposed to show?