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## ERECTION OF NEW FENCE, PARLIAMENT HOUSE GROUNDS.

*Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 1st September, 1892.*

*Ordered*, "That a return be laid before this House giving the information requested below in relation to the erection of the new fence on Parliament House grounds: (1) The total cost of erecting such fence, including the posts which had to be discarded in consequence of such being too short, and also the labour employed on same; (2) the number of posts which were found to be too short, and the value of such timber; (3) the cost of the labour unproductively employed on same (4) the cost of timber (other than the posts above alluded to) and other materials, such as nails, &c., used in the erection of said fence, each item to be detailed separately; (5) the number of days that carpenters or other workmen were employed on such fence (other than the abortive work above alluded to), and the rate of wages paid to each class of workmen, each to be detailed separately; (6) a detailed statement of the nature and cost of any other expense in connection with the erection of such fence."—(MR. FISHER.)

RETURN showing—(1) The Total Cost of the Erection of the New Fence on Parliament House Grounds, including the Posts which had to be discarded in consequence of such being too short, and also the Labour employed on same, (2) the Number of Posts that were found to be too short, and the Value of such Timber, (3) the Cost of the Labour unproductively employed on same, (4) the Cost of Timber (other than the Posts above alluded to) and other Materials, such as Nails, &c., used in the Erection of said Fence, each Item being detailed separately, (5) the Number of Days that Carpenters or other Workmen were employed on such Fence (other than the Abortive Work above alluded to), and the Rate of Wages paid to each Class of Workmen, each being detailed separately, and (6) a Detailed Statement of the Nature and Cost of any other Expense in connection with the Erection of such Fence.

		£	s.	d.
1. Total cost of the erection of the fence	..	178	9	10
2. The number of posts that were found too short, and the value of the timber comprised therein	..			Nil*
3. The cost of labour unproductively employed thereon				Nil
4. The cost of the materials used in the erection of the fence		79	18	5†
5. The period of time that carpenters and other workmen were employed, and the rates of wages paid—				
(a.) Carpenters—832 hours at 1s. 4d. per hour, or 104 days at 10s. 8d. per day		55	9	4‡
(b.) Labourers—527 hours at 1s. 0½d. per hour, or 65½ days at 8s. 6½d. per day		28	2	1‡
6. Other expenses in connection with the erection of the fence, viz.—				
Painting (by agreement)	..		15	0 0

Public Works Office,  
Wellington, 29th September, 1892.

H. J. H. BLOW,  
Under-Secretary for Public Works.


\* In the original estimate provision was not made for posts of sufficient length, but in ordering the timber posts of the required length were obtained and no timber was wasted.

† Schedule giving details attached hereto.

‡ Carpenters are paid at the rate of £3 per week for forty-five hours' work, and labourers at the rate of £2 8s. per week for forty-five hours' work.

## SCHEDULE OF MATERIALS USED IN ERECTION OF FENCE.

*Timber, Totara.*

		C.B.M.	£ s. d.
Braces	150ft., 4in. x 2in. =	100	
Sole-plates	84ft., 5in. x 3in. =	105	
Posts	94ft., 5in. x 5in. =	195·10	
		400·10 at 14s. per 100ft.	2 16 1
Sole-plates	5in. x 3in. =	391·3	
Retaining-boards	268ft., 12in. x 2in. =	536	
Braces	4in. x 1½in. =	350	
Posts	5in. x 5in. =	760·5	
Braces	4in. x 2in. =	106·8	
		2,144·4 at 15s. per 100ft.	16 1 7
Posts	5in. x 5in. =	794·8 at 16s. "	6 7 2
Rails specially cut, bevelled on top and dressed 	4in. x 3in. =	2,230 at 20s. "	22 6 0
Caps, chamfered and dressed	8in. x 8in. x 2in. =	80	2 2 0
Moulding .. .. .	333 lin. ft. at 10s. per 100 lin. ft.		1 13 4
Pickets, pointed and dressed	7,216 lin. ft., 2¼in. x 7⁄8in., at 6s. 6d. per 100 lin. ft.		23 9 0
Cartage			0 3 6
			74 18 8
Nails	145lb. at 18s. 6d. per cwt.		£1 4 0
Oil .. .. .			1 6 1
Red-lead	28lb. ..		0 6 11
Bolts and nuts	1cwt. 2lb. at 42s. per cwt.		.. 2 2 9
			4 19 9
			£79 18 5

NOTE.—After commencing the erection of the fence the price of totara was raised successively from 14s. to 15s. and 16s. per 100ft. C.B.M.

## MEMORANDUM IN EXPLANATION OF COST OF FENCE BEING IN EXCESS OF THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Original estimate		105 0 0
Additional posts (owing to fence being erected with posts 9ft. apart only, instead of 11ft. apart as originally provided for), 400ft. at 3s.	3 0 0	
Additional length of posts provided for in original estimate, 300ft. at 15s.	2 5 0	
Extra retaining-planking found necessary, 536ft. at 14s.	3 15 0	
Extra strutting due to extra length of posts, 800ft. at 15s.	6 0 0	
Painting (omitted in original estimate)	15 0 0	
Extra labour involved in digging larger number of holes, also all holes being larger and deeper than originally contemplated, extra carpenters' labour, &c., also, allowance for time lost by broken weather, half-holiday, &c.	43 9 10	
		73 9 10
		£178 9 10

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