

single item of fifty dollars is swelled to twenty thousand, by increasing the amount of pine at \$50 a thousand feet—a high price—from 16,000 to 300,000 feet. Mr. DeGraw is a gentleman who has a playful habit of assigning his contracts to Willard Johnson, and the worldly-minded, though they may read the name of DeGraw, are apt to pronounce the name of Johnson.

Table with columns: Quantities called for, Quantities paid for, Price, Items, Amount paid, Contract price. Includes items like Grubbing and Clearing, Excavation of Old Masonry, Excavation of Rock, etc.

Total done under contract... \$31,319 00

Defect Materials Furnished by State... \$78 53

Total... \$31,397 53

N. L. OSBORN.

This contract for rebuilding of stone the combined wooden locks Nos. 1 and 2, and eighteen chains of section work on the enlarged plan, was increased from \$87,850 to \$124,070 44.

Table with columns: Quantities called for, Quantities paid for, Price, Items, Amount paid, Contract price. Includes items like Grubbing and Clearing, Excavation of Earth, Excavation of Rock, etc.

Total... \$124,070 44

CHARLES NICHOLS.

The quantity of earth excavation in this contract, which was dated Sept. 9, 1873, and was for removing slope wall and wall benches, was more than doubled at a high price.

Table with columns: Quantities called for, Quantities paid for, Price, Items, Amount paid, Contract price. Includes items like Grubbing and Clearing, Excavation of Earth, Excavation of Rock, etc.

Total... \$98,857 48

AMARIAH HOLBROOK.

In this contract, which was for the guard lock at the head of Glen's Falls Feeder, 50 yards of rock not blasted were bid for at \$3—at least double a fair price—and 2,400 yards were done.

Table with columns: Quantities called for, Quantities paid for, Price, Items, Amount paid, Contract price. Includes items like Grubbing and Clearing, Excavation of Earth, Excavation of Rock, etc.

Total... \$30,971 72

E. W. WILLIAMS.

This is a contract which might be briefly expressed in the word duplication. The quantity of earth excavation is doubled. The price of puddling earth is doubled and the quantity is increased from the estimate three thousand per cent.

Table with columns: Quantities called for, Quantities paid for, Price, Items, Amount paid, Contract price. Includes items like Grubbing and Clearing, Excavation of Earth, Excavation of Rock, etc.

Total... \$34,285 25

Table with columns: Quantities called for, Quantities paid for, Price, Items, Amount paid, Contract price. Includes items like Cast Iron, Spikes and Nails, Sulfur and Sand Cement, etc.

Total... \$117,167 73

Extra Work. 200 Barrels... \$239 75

Total... \$119,567 28

Materials Furnished by State... \$1,920 00

Amount Paid in Full... \$117,647 28

PENDING CONTRACTS.

HORACE CANDEE.

This is one of the largest contracts recently awarded, and was let Oct. 21, 1874, for the construction of slope wall on the Jordan Level on the Erie Canal.

Total... \$125,000 00

H. M. RACE.

This contract also furnishes a good example of the singular disproportion between the bids of the contractors and the engineer's estimate of the cost of the work.

Total... \$15,502 00

JOHN BROWN.

In this contract, in which the contractor agrees to perform the work for a little more than one-half the estimated cost, almost every price is below a fair and usual equivalent for such work and material.

Total... \$26,265 00

DANIEL CANDEE.

This was a contract of the same date, also with Mr. Candee and for the same class of work.

Total... \$15,000 00

JOHN M. BARNETT.

The total of the contract price, and the total engineer's estimate in this contract, are almost identical with those of the preceding, as the work itself is similar, and the same rule in regard to the insufficiency of the bids holds good.

Total... \$30,000 00

JOHN MCENROE.

This contract was of the same date as the foregoing, and was for the same class of work from Lock 29 to Lock 30, Erie Canal, 80 chains.

Total... \$5,267 00

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Total... \$5,000 00

which it is perhaps only worth while to quote as illustrating the truth of the statement that the whole system of canal contracts as at present constituted is unbalanced and deceptive.

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Total... \$1,437 25

N. STANTON GERE.

This was a contract with N. Stanton Gere, dated Feb. 19, 1875, for the construction of a vertical wall on Long Level and Fayetteville feeder, and as may be seen, the contractor's bid is less than one-half of the engineer's estimate of the cost:

Table with columns: Quantities called for, Quantities paid for, Price, Items, Amount paid, Contract price. Includes items like Grubbing and Clearing, Excavation of Earth, Excavation of Rock, etc.

Total... \$3,201 00

E. FLAGLER AND JOHN RILEY.

This contract shows the same contrast to which attention has been called so often. Three thousand and eight hundred cubic yards of slope and pavement wall are bid for at 50 cents, less than one-third of its entire cost, while only 100 yards of vertical wall, laid dry, are bid for at \$1-\$1 a yard more than the cost.

Table with columns: Quantities called for, Quantities paid for, Price, Items, Amount paid, Contract price. Includes items like Grubbing and Clearing, Excavation of Earth, Excavation of Rock, etc.

Total... \$14,000 00

JOHN BROWN AND V. BROWN.

Here is another case where the prices of a contract are almost without exception low or fair. It will be noticed, however, that the contract price is less than half of the engineer's estimate.

Table with columns: Quantities called for, Quantities paid for, Price, Items, Amount paid, Contract price. Includes items like Grubbing and Clearing, Excavation of Earth, Excavation of Rock, etc.

Total... \$7,113 50

HENRY J. MOWRY.

This was a contract dated Oct. 22, 1874, to construct vertical in place of slope wall on the Erie Canal at Fullam's Basin, Fairport, about 400 lineal feet.

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Total... \$14,000 00

E. B. VAN DEUSEN.

Mr. Van Deusen, some of whose singular contracts have already been given in THE TRIBUNE, is a member, or was, of one of those combinations of contractors which seem to abound in Syracuse.

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Total... \$1,762 00

N. L. OSBORN.

This is a short contract, but not without significance. It is not likely that Mr. Osborn will build much embankment at 5 cents a yard, although he has contracted to make 10,000 cubic yards.

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Total... \$2,684 50

DANIEL CANDEE.

This was a contract dated Oct. 20, 1874, for the removal of wall benches and the substitution of vertical wall—dry—in the villages of Rion and Frankfort, 13 chains.

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Total... \$2,684 50

DANIEL CANDEE.

This was a contract of the same date as the foregoing, and was for the same class of work from Lock 27 to Lock 28, 40 chains.

Table with columns: Quantities called for, Quantities paid for, Price, Items, Amount paid, Contract price. Includes items like Grubbing and Clearing, Excavation of Earth, Excavation of Rock, etc.

Total... \$2,684 50

HENRY J. MOWRY.

The meat in this contract is apparently to be found in the bid for excavation of earth, which is at a figure double the highest rates ever paid, and eight times the figure named for the excavation of rock, which latter price is perhaps one-tenth of the ordinary figure.

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Total... \$2,684 50