increase in the tolls was necessary. That

decision of the committee had for some

reason been rescinded. There was no

necessary. The total stock of the company

tended to provide for the repair of booms.

raft small logs than large ones, but the

company was making a good profit all

bitter with the sweet and not ask to increase

the tolls. If the Maritime Sulphite Fibre

Company have to pay an increased rate for

rafting and booming their pulp lumber the

increased talls will come out of the small

operators who supply that company. The

Maritime Salphite Fibre Company had done

much to advance the welfare of Northumbe-

land and legislation opposed by them should

not pass unless it was shown that it was

necessary. The boom company had not

shown that it was necessary and had refused

to produce their books in order that the

received exclusive privileges should

the bill as amended provided that 60 cents

the bill battens and other small lumber

would have to pay extra tolls, but Mr. Bur-

chill's statement was at variance with that

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said the boom master

could raft the logs in such a way as to make

the great bulk of all the logs in the boon

talk about the interests of the poor man in

connection with the consideration of the

bill. If the chief opposition to this bill was

because of the fear that the interests of the

poor man would suffer why had the repre-

sentative of the wealthy pulp mill made

three visits to Fredericton in opposition to

the proposed legislation? The principal

objection to the bill was that the company

had not produced their books before the cor

poration committee to show what their

profits had been. Witnesses were not ex

amined under oath before the standing com-

mittees of the house and why should the

rules of court be applied to the members of

this company? Mr. Hutchison, a member

of the company, had told the committee

that the capital stock of the company was

\$4,000, but they had spent in addition upon

Hon. Mr. Twaedie-Where did they ge

Mr. Carvell said if the company used their

profits in improving their property that was

just the same as if they had spent \$13,000

or \$14,000 and an income of \$400 per year

was only about three per cent. on the invest-

ment and ne one could say that that was an

unreasonable profit. There was very little

pulp wood going through the booms in 1897

when the company got a renewal of their

charter. No one denied that it cost more

to raft and boom the small logs than large

Mr. Hazen said this bill had been ad

corporation committee in its favor and the

not unreasonable that the company should

ask authority to increase the tolls on small

logs, the rafting and boming of which no

one denied was more difficult than the

larger logs, Messrs. Ritchie and Hutchison

books must be produced, was not a dignified

one. If the pulp mill company was asking

in 1897 the onus would be on the former

company to show why the rates should be

reduced, but the onus was on the boom com-

pany, as they were asking for this legisla-

tion, to show why there should be a depar-

ago, In refusing to produce their books

information it should have and in this bill

were taking the Maritime Sulphite Fibre

Mr. Todd said that it was he who had

moved for a reconsideration of the vote at

we would have had information which is

Company by the throat.

on small logs was not unreasonable.

the property some \$13,000 or \$14,000.

Mr. Carvell said there was considerable

refused to produce their books.

thousand on logs over 40 feet.

pay 60 cents per thousand.

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The solution of the miramich layer being the sponsible for the great developement in Cape Breton, he was willing to accept responsibility for the lack of facilities.

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THE WAR!

There have been more British rereeses than successes during the past week. General Roberts and his big army are apparently held in check by renewed occupancy of Free State territory in the vicinity of Bloemfontein. The British were again trapped a week ago and about four hundred of them captured and many killed by the Boers. The press censorship has been once more rigidly established, so that it is not possible to know what is really going on.

A telegram of yesterday says Boer reports state that they have killed and wounded 600 British and taken 900 prisoners, together with nine supply wagons. The war office gives no news and the report is not credited in

In Ireland.

The newspapers give accounts of the a protest against Mr. Gillies' plea for visit of Her Majesty, the Queen, to Ireland, where she has been for more than a week and is to stay for another fortnight, which show that she is greet ed everywhere with the most gratifying demonstrations not only of the loyalty of the people, but of touching personal affection. Decorations of public and private buildings, arches in the streets, squares and parks, crowds numbering tens of thousands and all the elements which go to make up the most hearty and unreserved welcome, greet the aged and happy sovereign.

A CHANGE :- The Sun has recently changed its chief display headlines from "Three-priced Bridges" to "Two-priced Gazette, contains the statement of rebig a failure as that unsavory Moncton of a magnificent surplus for the current

Town Elections.

Nominations for Mayor and Aldermen for the Town of Chatham are to close a and polling will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday next, opening at ten o'clock a.m. and closing at four o'clock.

The only candidate offering for the mayoralty is Mr. W. S. Loggie. It is There is, apparently, to be opposition

the aldermanship. The candidates so far Queens :- Aldermen Watt and Maher

in each of the four wards of the town for

and ex-aldermen Robinson. Kings :- Aldermen Snowball, ex-alderman Murdoch and Mr. Edwd. Gallivan. Wellington :-- Ald. Hocken and Messrs.

Michael Morris and Alex. Burr. Dukes :- Ald. McIntosh and Messrs Isaac Dickison and Alex. McKay.

The aldermen-besides ald. Loggiewho retire are Measts. R. Flanagan and

It is to be hoped that each elector will, when depositing his ballot, not be influ enced by petty canvasses or sectional feeling, but vote for eight candidatesthose in whose independence and integrity and capacity to direct town affairs he has most confidence.

Ottawa.

In the House of Commons on Thursday Mr. Powell, of Westmorland, called the attention of the Minister of Rail ways to complaints about the scarcity of cars on the I. C. R., and the slow transportation of freight between Halifax and Montreal and also that cars laden with lumber were allowed to remain unloaded

Hon. A. G. Blair said that such complaints had reached him in regard to complaints were made with regard to all deeply concerned the citizens were and that railways where the traffic is increasing. The Minister had made provision for a large increase of rolling stock, but the business had increased so much more business had increased so much more business had increased so much more rapidly than he expected that they had neither enough cars nor locomotives to handle the business. The main trouble was the lack of rolling stock. He had asked Parliament in his main estimates for a grant for these services. He hoped to be able to place the road on the most effective basis possible.

Hector McDougall, of Cape Breton, followed in a general onslaught on the Minister of Railways for his management of the I. C. R. He claimed that the rolling stock was altogether insufficient, that there was not enough yard room at Sydnev and that the service was generally inadequate, both as regards stations and cars. Mr. McDougall moved the adjourn-

ment of the House. J. A. Gillies, of Richmond, also carried on the attack and deliberately charged the Minister of Railways with mismanage. ment of the I. C. R. He complained of the passenger service, paying particular attention to the train arrangement with regard to the express train running into North Sydney before going to Sydney, and also to the detention of the through passengers for Cape Bretou at Truro.

Hon. Mr. Blair said in reply that these two gentlemen might first do a great deal of missionary work among their political friends and papers who had attacked the Government for their expenditure on the railway. The same condition of affairs existed at Sydney now as ten years ago, and those gentlemen should have hereto. fore displayed the same zeal in pressing their friends to improve the service. The detention at Truro was due to the fact that the departure of the express from Montreal was regulated by connections with the west. He had given careful attention to the claims of Cape Breton and he was proceeding with as much despatch and to such extent in that direction as he thought Parliament would warrant.

bottom, he was surprised at the Opposition attack on the Railway Department. He thought the sooner the Minister undertook to reorganize the railway the

Sir Charles Tupper criticised Mr. Blair's management on the same grounds as Messrs. McDougell and Gillies.

Dr. McLennan, of Inverness, pointed out that the railway facilities were entirely adequate to cope with the traffic in Cape Breton prior to the recent developement there. He quoted the figures of the customs' returns at Sydney, showing an increase of over \$70,000 last year, as compared with the best previous year, as an evidence of the rapid growth of the

Dr. McLennan called attention to the need of improved crossing facilities at the Strait of Canso, where engineers of the Department had been recently making a survey. The town of North Sydney should not be deprived of its present train service, as it was the terminus of two important steamship lines to Newfoundland and to St. Pierre, and prior to the present great boom had the larger trade of the two towns, as shown by the cus toms returns. He was surprised that the member for Cape Breton had not entered change of the train service to North Syd-He knew that the Minister of Railways had been strenuously endeavoring to put the road in a first class condition and he had no doubt that before long that would be accomplished.

W. C. Elwards, of Russell, told the House that every railway in America was short of care, which could not be built fast enough to supply the demand. The C. P. R. and the G. T. R. had as their heads the ablest railway men in the world, and both roads had been for many months past unable to supply the demand for cars.

Canada's Financial Buoyancy.

OTTAWA. April 7 .- Today's 'Cannda

Bridges." By and bye it will, probably, venue and expenditure of the Dominion get down to facts and wonder why it was for the nine months of the fiscal year up the bridge to the end of March, which gives promise that the hopes of the Minister of Finance year will be more than realized. For the month of March alone there is a gain in revenue of \$797,865, and a decrease in expenditure of \$490,517. For the nine months period the revenue totalled six o'clock to-morrow, afternoon at the \$36.850.072 a gain of \$3,791,231 over the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall same period of 1899. For the same period the expenditure was \$26,051,556, an increase of \$930,639 over 1999, leaving a net improvement over last year on the nine months transactions of \$2,860, 591. In the line of capital expenditurenot probable that any other will come the foregoing applying entirely to the consolidated fund account—there is also shown a gratifying decrease, amounting for the month of March alone to \$817,024, and for the nine months period to

Chatham's Example Broommended.

The following consepondence shows that the efforts of the citizens of Chatham in the matter of the late patriotic entertainments are very much appreciated and re erred to as setting a good example to other communities :-To the Editor of The Telegraph

Dear Sir,-I would through your journal

take this opportunity of adverting to the necessity of keeping up the public interest in our African contingent funds. The war South Africa has progressed, considering the marvelous natural impediments that have had to be overcome, very favorably to the Brit sh army, but as yet the end is in sight. The Canadians have done their duty as British soldiers and the New Brunswick contingents have been in the van. mark with sadness the depletion in their ranks. O hers have to go forward to fill these vacant numbers, and they are going with the same self-sacrificing ardour that characterizes those who sailed before them. We want provisions made for each lad who ones and the price of 60 sents per thousand enlists in the future during the war as has for logs under 49 feet was not an excessive been done for those of the first and second contingents. In this connection I point with pride to the effort made by the little Westfield school girl who collected \$5 in | vertised in the usual way. Messrs, Hut-25 cent pieces and gent to the contingent chison and Ritchie were heard before the committee, and also to the successful effort of the Citizens Association of Chatham resulting in a return of \$427.52 for the gentleman representing the pulp mill and second contingent fund. Their entertain. his counsel, Mr. Barry, had been heard ments held in Masonic hall. Chatham, the against it. If the poor man was interested evenings of March 29 and 30 seem to have in this legislation or likely to be affected by any undertaking that has this special object

requirements. Yours sincerely, EDWARD SEARS, Mayor. Chairman N. B. S. A. Contingent Fund

To His Worship the Mayor, Warren Winslow, Chatham, N. B. Dear Sir-Yours of the 6th duly to hand, had shown that for many years the company

with its enclosures of cheques representing had drawn no profits and that the property the sum of \$427.52 from the patriotic entertainment committee of citizens of Chatham and \$5-from Rev. Canon Forsyth, \$3 and \$2 from F. E. Neale; cheque \$420,52 committee: \$12 personal

Permit me, my dear mayor, to tell you that I very highly appreciate the kindly effort and widespread interest your truly local city has evinced in raising such a substantial amount for the brave lads of our second contingent. And for myself and for the members of the contingent committee I pray you communicate through their general secretary, Mr. D. G. Smith, the committee of the New Brunswick South African second contingent fund recognize the generous and successful efforts of the patriotic entertainment committee of citizens of Chatham, realising it must incite other communities to continue this noble work, which redounds to the credit of our province and the reputation of our people. and contributes to the comfort and well being of our contingent members, or those nearest and dearest, who are depend ent on them.

Believe me, your worship, in esteem. incerely yours, EDWARD SEARS, Mayor.

Chairman, N. B. S. A. 2nd Con. Comm'te

April, 7th, 1900. House of Assembly.

the boom company deprived the house o One of the most interesting bills before the legislature during the session just closed was discussed at considerable length on Wednesday last. It was for the increase of boomage on lumber coming through the Northwest Miramichi Boom and particularly that on the smaller stuff used as pulp-wood. | the meeting of the corporations committee Mr. Burchill had charge of the measure. | that the boom company be required to fur-Mr. Burchill, in reply to Mr. Pugeley, nish their books, He had done so because said it was only proposed to increase the the premier had told him it was not a usual rate on small logs, which cost more to raft thing for the standing committees to call for and boom than did large loge. He could companies' books. It was too bad, however, not say what the profits of the company | that the books had not been furnished for

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said it was strange very necessary for the proper consideration that his colleague did not know what the of the matter. At present no one seemed to Alex. Gibson, Jr., P. H. Leger and John the firm of George Burchill & Sons. The twelve or fifteen million every year for 20 to follows .-

was still a Tory organization from top to desired to say frankly he (Tweedie) was vide the \$12,000 or \$13,000 besides covering a member of the Assembly, against the solicitor. But he spoke in opposition to the cost of repairs. There seemed to be no this bill as a representative of the county of | question that the company was making a pro-Northumberland. The company got a fit of 10 per cent. yearly. In the fixing of renewal of their charter in 1897 for 20 years. | the tolls to be charged by boom compan-What new conditions had arisen since then lies the government should see to it that they should ask to increase their tolls | that the rate was not so excessive as from 45 cents per thousand to 60 cents upon to interfere with the crown lands logs largely used in the manufacture of the province. If reasonable tolls pulp? Their original proposition under the charged the lumber industry will feel present bill was to make the increase to 75 tex, and the result will be that the lumber cents per thousand. The corporations commen of the province will be seeking a remittee, of which the honorable member duction in the stumpage rates. The (Burchill) was chairman, had decided that lieutenant governor in council should exercise control over the tolls charged by the company should produce their books to the boom companies and he thought should show what profits they had been making, and in order that it might be seen that the | be obliged to do so in the public interests. Mr. Osman said that considering the

> avidence that this increase in the tolls was posed legislation should pass. necessary, and he did not think it was Mr. O'Brien (Northumberland) said he was neither a member of the North West was \$3,000 and this paid a yearly dividend Boom Company nor a solicitor of the Pulp of 121 per cent, besides providing a rest of Mill Company, but simply a representative five cents per thousand, which rest was inof the County of Northumberland. He had favored an increase of 50 cents on small He admitted that it was more difficult to logs, and in view of that position he would not now support the proposition to make the tells sixty cents on small lumber, although he was willing to admit that the latter rate round and should be prepared to take the was not excessive. Mr. Burchill reviewed the arguments

amount of money invested by the boom

company and their responsibility the pro-

against the bill and asked that the opponents of the measure name a single river upon which the tolls were lower than upon the Northwest Miramichi. They could not do so, for the very good reason that in nearly every case the rates are higher than upon the North West.

Messrs. Porter and White thought the books of the company should have been produced and in their absence there was not sufficient information. Mr. Lawson said it was not contended

committee might see if the increase was that 45 cents was too high a rate for large Dr. Pog-ley said the company having logs. All admitted that it cost more to boom and raft small logs, and that being so the proposed rate was not unreasonable. charge larger tolls than would give them a fair return on their investment. He was On the St. John river 80 cents was charged for spruce and \$1.20 for cedar logs. surprised that the company should have

Mr. Shaw said he understood the mem-Answering Mr. Carvell, Mr. Burchill said | ber for Charlotte (Todd) to say that the premier had stated that it was not usual for companies to be required to produce per thousand should be charged for the their books before the standing committees. booming and rafting of logs which do not That being so and the resolution of the comaverage 40 feet per piece; and 45 cents per mittee being rescinded because of the premier's view, why should the company be Mr. Carvell said he had been struck with blamed for not having produced their Hop. Mr. Tweedie's statement that under Progress was reported with leave to sit

> again, the understanding being that the bill would be re-committed at the evening ses-

At the evening session the Northwest boom bill was re-committed and agreed to with amendments. The following amendment was proposed by Hon. Mr. Tweedie :

"Strike out all after the word "that" and | ceding. nsert in lieu thereof the following: "This committee is of the opinion that wherever a company incorporated by the legislature, has granted to it a franchise authorizing it to impose tolls upon any important industry, such as the lumber industry and thereby placing a burden of taxation upon the labor of the country, asks for an increase of such taxation, it should give to the legislature the best possible information as to the earnings derived from its franchises under existconditions so as to convince the house of the reasonable necessity of such increase and that as the company has not given such information the committee does not deem it desirable to pass the bill in its present form. but is of the opinion that its further consideration should be postponed until next session of the legislature, and therefore resolved that the chairman leave the chair and re-

The names being called for in the vote on the above they were taken down as folthat money? That was part of their pro-Yeas-Messrs, White, Dunn, Labillois,

Mott, Porter, Pugsley, Russell, Johnson,

Nays-Messrs. Farris, McKeown, Whitehead, Osman, Burchill, Shaw, O'Brien (Northumberland), Fish, Barnes, McLeod, Gibson, Campbell, Carpenter, Hazen, Lawson, Carvell, Todd LaForest, Fleming,

Burns, Leger-21. Hon. Mr. Tweedie announced that being solicitor for the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Company, he would, of course, not vote on the matter.

On Friday Hon. Mr. Dunn committed bill amending the game act. Mr. Robinson chairman. When the bill was under consideration Mr. Johnston spoke, addressing the committee first in English and then in French. In his French address Mr. Johnson said he was pleased to hear that Northumberland county was not to any longer enjoy the privilege which was given no other county-that of killing partridge behalf. There had been an enormous for sale. This change in the law was, perincrease in the pulp industry on the haps, a punishment upon the County of Northumberland for one of its principal towns (Chatham) imposing heavy licenses upon the produce of the farmers of Kent A. E. Peters, president of the Record of the changed conditions since 1897 it was County. (Applause.) The town of Chatham imposed so many licenses upon farmers from Kent who took their produce there, that it was next to impossible for a man, after selling a wagon load or sled load of produce to have any money to take home. He had heard of a case where one of the farmers in Kent who took a load of produce had cost them upwards of \$12,000. That to Chatham after disposing of the whole being so, the income was not an excessive load having to sell his horse and wagon in one, and the proposal to increase the tolls addition to paying all the licenses imposed upon him by the Town of Chatham. Hon, Mr. Tweedie said if this company (Laughter and applause.) He thought, perwas empowered to increase its tells there haps, this was a slightly exaggerated report was no reason why the South West Boom of the case, but there was no doubt that the Company (which is making 40 per cent Town of Chatham imposed excessive licenses on its investment) should not ask similar upon the produce of Kent County farmers. authority to increase its rates. There was He thought the penalties imposed under the no evidence to show that the present present bill were in some instances very legislation was required in order to give excessive, and it looked as though a man the company a fair profit. The company going into the woods would have to be had refused to produce their books and careful or he would violate the law if the position of the corporations commitshot almost any of the wild beasts of the

tee, in rescinding their resolution that the forest. (Applause.) Mr. Burchill promised after the close of the session of the legislature to look into that the boom company's tolls should be re- the grievance complained of by Mr. Johnson duced from the price fixed by the legislature with respect to the licenses imposed by the Town of Chatham.

[Nobody who knows Mr. Johnson will be lieve that there was ever any profit to Chatham in his visits and most people will agree that the legislature is poorly employed when ture from the tolls agreed upon three years listening to his attacks on our town.] The bill was discussed by Mesars, Carvell, Mott, Todd, Mr. Speaker, Em-

merson, Burchill, Dunn, Porter and others,

and progress was reported with leave to sit The law as proposed will prohibit the sale of partridge until September 15, 1903. It also provides that non-residents of the province will be required to pay a license fee for shooting game and other birds in Westmorland County. Under the bill the lientenant governor-in-council has power

The bill was passed on Saturday. Chairman Carvell and Messrs. C. E. Fish,

to extend the prohibitory season.

Honorable Henry R. Emmerson, begs to

sub nit the following report: "Your committee held its first meeting on the 13th day of March last past. On this day and subsequently subpoenas were issued at the request of Mr H.z.a to the following persons: A. R. Wetmore, T. B. Winslow, George F. Swain, R. Maitland Roy, Josha Peters, Alfred E. Peters, John Stewart, Alfred Haines, Martin Murphy, Peter S Archibald, A. G. Beckwith, Willard Kitchen, W. B. MacKenze, Pnelps Johnson and William E. Brown. The names of the witnesses who were called and gave evidence on behalf of Mr. Hazen will be found stated below.

"Although Mr. Archibald and Mr. Haines were both present and remained in attendance for several days neither was called.

"Mr. Ruddock, being compelled to be absent through sickness before the close of Mr. Hazen's case, was subsequently called by Mr. Emmerson's counsel. Mr. Haines having attended under the subpoens issued at the request of Mr. Hazen, and not having been called, returned, as was stated, to the work on which he was engaged of inspecting the erection of the Kingston bridge and which urgent'y required his personal attention.

MR. PHELPS JOHNSON

"Mr. Phelps Johnson, the manager of the Dominion Bridge Company (Ltd.,) of Montrea', attended the committee in respouse to a subpoena issued at the instance of Mr. Hazen, and was sworn, but on it appearing that he had not produced buy more. contracts for the construction of highway bridges by his company in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, which he had been peared to the committee, would be very important and absolutely essential to enable your committee to ascertain the average charges made by that company for steel bridges, but had only brought with him certain contracts which he had selected, your committee acceded to the application of the counsel for Mr. Emmerson and decide I not to take Mr. Johnson's testimony until he was given a further opportunity of connection it may be observed that Mr. Emmerson's counsel and your committee OFFERED TO PAY

all Mr. Johnson's expenses to and from Montreal. Mr. Johnson accordingly stated to the committee that he would return to Montreal and would on the following Tuesday or Wednesday telegraph the chairman of the committee whether or not CORN. would comply with the suppoena which had been served upon him to produce the said contracts. This he did not do, but subsequently Mr. Hazen informed the committee that he had received a letter from that gentleman stating that he

DID NOT INTEND TO RETURN.

Consequently your committee, much to their regret, were de, r.ved of the benefit of any evidence which Mr. Johnson might give, and of the undoubtedly valuable inormation which would have been afforded by the production of the contracts, particularly if they had been accompanied by plans and specifications in enabling the committee to determine what prices had peen paid to his company in its home market where fair and normal prices would likely be paid, during the years when the New Brunswick bridges in respect to which the charges were made were constructed, and in the years immediately pre-

"As Mr. Johnson had also been subpoenaed to produce the contracts and spec fications for railway bridges constructed by his company during those years their production would have had an important bearing on that portion of the charge which complains of the fact that the highway bridges constructed by the New Brunswick government cost as much as double the price per pound of railway bridges.

MR. P. S. ARCHIBALD.

"Your committee also regret that Mr. Hazen's counsel saw fit not to give the committee the benefit of Mr. Archibald's experience and knowledge on the subject. Mr. Archibald had been for many years and down to quite a recent period, chief engineer of the Intercolonial railway, and in that capacity would necessarily have an intimate knowledge of the prices paid for railway bridges constructed for the Intercolonia railway during the years when the New Brunswick bridges were erected, and his evidence would have been important. The committees may reasonably assume that if Mr. Archibald's testimony would in any way have helped to sustain the charges he would have been called on Mr. Hazen's

WHY HE WASN'T CALLED,

"It may well be, and the committee have a right to assume, that after witnesses called in support of the charges had admitted on cross examination that it would be unfair to make a comparison between railway and nighway bridges, and that, by reason of the cost of workmanship upon highway bridges being so much greater than upon railway bridges relatively to weight, the former would, generally speaking, necessarily cost at least double per pound what the latter would cost, it was decided, in the exercise of an apparently wise discretion not to place Mr. Archibald upon the stand.

WITNESSES CALLED BY MR. HAZEN.

"The witnesses who actually testified on Mr. Hazen's behalf were Mr. A. R. Wetmore, chief engineer of the department of public works of the province, Prof. George F. Swain, of Boston, Mr. R. Mit-Bridge Company, of Hamilton, Mr. T. B. Winslow, secretary of the public works has had experience in erecting bridges for he Dominion Bidge Company and others, Mr. Willard Kitchen, a contractor, and Mr. Foundry and Machine Company.

"The evidence of these witnesses will be found in the stenographic report of the proceedings, submitted herewith. committee, after giving such evidence their most careful consideration, unhesitatingly report that in their opinion it absolutely failed to prove the charges made by Mr. Hazen, but on the contrary clearly establishthat the prices paid were only fair and re-sonable and such as were necessary to afford the usual and customary profits of a manufacturing business.

NO DEFENCE NECESSARY.

"At the conclusion of Mr. Hazen's evidence your committee were of the opinion that Mr. Emmerson was not called on to make any defence. His counsel did. however, call the following witnesses, namely Mr. J. M. Ruddock, of Chatham, who i engaged in the building of machinery of various kinds, boilers and steamboats, and also steel bridges; Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Sefton, who are and have been for many years employed on bridge construction upon the Intercolonial railway; Mr. W. H. Arnold, of New York, an engineer of large experience, and Mr. Emmerson.

WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWED

"Without going particularly into the evidence of these witnesses it will be suffi cient to say that they e tablished beyond a doubt the fact that the bridges which have been constructed by the New Brunswick government under the very elaborate and carefully prepared plans of Mr. Wetmore, the chief engineer of the department, are much superior in character to those which had been erected by Upper Canadian companies, notably the Hampton, Sussex and Salisbury bridges. The evidence of three entirely disinterested and experienced witnesses, Messrs, Lockhart, Sefton and Arnold, who had examined the Lefebvre and Campbell bridges, constructed by the Canadian and Dominion bridge companies of Montreal respectively, clearly proved the superiority of the former, and from their evidence your committee are satisfied that the two former bridges

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