

The necessary repairs will cost this year, - -	£1,000	0	0
Interest upon £1,000 for 15 years, - - -	900	0	0
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	19,000	0	0
Mr. Normand will pay as rent, for the 15 years -	300	0	0
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Loss, - - - -	£1600	0	0

Besides the public may loose, for ever, the use of the bridges if by an accident or other causes they were ruined. The Government in leasing the Bridges for such a long period of time, to Mr. Normand has acted against the law. The Act of 13 and 14 Vic., chap. 14, sect. 5th, says:—

“No Bridges shall be leased unless security, real or personal, shall be given for an amount equal to ten per centum of the actual value of said Bridges, and for not a longer period than ten years, and that it will be kept by the lessee in thorough repair.”

Mr. Drummond was aware that he would meet more than difficulties to obtain his end, if he was taking the usual course of legal proceedings. He was not in a position to meet his adversaries with right and justice on their side.

He addressed himself to the Legislature for a law which would authorise him to take possession of the Bridges in a summary manner, on an order of the Judges directed to the Sheriff, and by appointing a guardian of his own making, and to have them kept and held during the trial. The Parliament enacted immediately the law. It was an attack upon property of the most unconstitutional and arbitrary character. By this law the Defendant is deprived of the pecuniary means of protecting himself, being unable to receive the revenue of his property during the litigation. 2nd. It is to induce the Government, who receive the revenues, to molest the Defendant, and to have the trial lasting for ever. 3rd. And to expose the proprietor of the Bridges to suffer unjustly great damages by the destruction or ruin of the Bridges without the hopes of being reimbursed. The Government pretends to have the right to sue every body, but it denies the right to individuals to bring it before the Courts of Justice and answer for its conduct. In fine, the law enacted during last session is far from augmenting the honour and the credit of the Province.

THE ACTION.

With this law in his hands, Mr. Drummond does not sue the Company. He attacked only Mr. Pacaud. Why so? Does he expect that the Company will abandon its property without speaking a word? Time will tell. This is the copy of the action:—