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lovernment Engineer, which he discussed the were to be provided, a ocomotives, fifty flat Hall in his memoranor twice as much. ars, all of these were of the box cars were flat cars and 110 box Then, I contend there ought to be a were twice as necesand such like were ne box cars which isions, groceries, dry

enance of ways and line construction completed and if not, what is the value of what remains un-Maintenance of operate the Reid steamers last year, and if not, why did they put boilers, shafts, and other improvements into some of the boats? If the steamers were not included, why is operation part of the line shut down? Why did port say they spent liberally on ties, a million and a half dollars without ballast, locomotives, and on steamers any information whatever to justify last year, and yet with none of this to the government's explanaton went up only do we need to put up a million and a but by no means the stration of the way ping, oil waste, etc., in 1919-20 under see that the money is and a curtailed operation, why tupn that this contract is the best they country a square deal. Three or four could make, and that if the Reids aren't Premiers in the past have dealt with given this money they will shut down large questions right after their election without any delay. For instance, and let the Government insist, that the Whiteway in 1893 put through the

What items are included in these increased costs which the Colony might fairly challenge if a statement of the between it and the Reids had to go before an arbitral or judicial tribunal Are the expenditures for which we are to repay Reid at the end of fifty years included in the estimate of losses on the railway? What is meant by "losses on operation?" Who is to decide what is legitimately operating and what is capital outlay?
I do not mean by this inquiry to sugent ordered six gest that our money will be made away with, but I say that any legitimate work on the railway can be charged to operation and great im-provements made in the road which the Reids may expect to get back into their hands under new conditions in

ADVOCATES NEW CONTRACT.

new deal, a new contract with the Reid Company. The present 1961 contract ought to be terminated. A formal default ought to be enforced and an entirely new arrangement ought to be re disregarded alto-like to have the ex-country's future welfare should want to cripple the Reids. They have large commercial and industrial interests why all these expenses reed, why there has here. They have big enterprises in St. tion insisted on some action being the tremendous adof land throughout the country, they was given in the other Hause short formal discussion in why all these expenses the tremendous adof land throughout the country, they
of operating the road may develop great labor-giving enterought not to lightly overthrow them, full report on all this, to operate the railroad for fifty years.

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In no way responsible, have made it impossible for them to carry out that contract. The country ought not to be o unreasonable as to expect them to lo so, but on the other hand it should not be held to the obligations which do so, but on the other hand it should not be held to the obligations which under the contract it accepted on its part. For the operation of the road for fifty years we paid the Reids in land. They have operated for only twenty years and they say they are insolvent, they cannot do it any longer on the present terms. Therefore, in equity they are entitled to only two-fifths of the land, but they have taken all the land, transferred it to another Il the land, transferred it to another the operaton of the railroad, and I say that I do not blame them for pro-tecting themselves in view of the ab-titude of certain members of the Government towards them. But they have sold some of these lands to the Harms-worths, to the Timber Estates, and to answered by such an inquiry is as follows: Is the work under the branch line construction and a half it spent last year, the million and a half it spent last year, the million and a half it spent last year, the million and a half it spent last year, the million and a it spent last year, the million and a half "Well, sir, she hasn't trouble of half more it is being asked to spend now, and any money it may spend in future in helping the Reide to hearth. I never saw anything to

fore, but yet we are asked to vote now a million and a half dollars without every chance I get." any information whatever to justify 1919-20 under see that the money is properly ex-1901 contract be cancelled, with all contract, after h iselection, to continue t just \$22,000, or pended? the like, which will hang over us Morine in 1898, with our honorable otherwise for the next fifty years and friend, Mr. Shea, a member of the Exdone long ago. The Government was elected to deal with the Reids on certain lines. I will not dscuss manifestoes or party speeches, but I will say coming from an election, put through that a year ago this question was the big Harmsworth deal now bearing acute. The House, however, was not shape in the mills at Grand Falls. a word was said about operation. But his second election, did the same with an arrangement to finance the Reids to anything yet. The present Govern-

THE PLOT THAT FAILED. Then this session opened and went through a normal term, and I ence with us of this House, had with believe would have closed without Premier in the room outside, for the tackling this problem, even in its introduction of last year's railway future. Therefore we lightly overthrow them, to insist that the country e first necessity gets a square deal. Twenty years ago the Legislature in session, but private-horough investigative and the resired for fifty years. men would not have been made with undertakings connected with the railtions that ought to be World conditions, for which they are This, to my mind, was not giving the

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equal it. Tanlac actually acted more future in helping the Reids to bear the burden of operation in the meantime.

Therefore, I say we ought to have a new deal. We are trustees, we in both Houses of the Legislature, are trustees of the Legislature are trustees. tees for the country. We ought to made it possible for her to sleep all hesitate before we spend a dollar without knowing the why and whereevery chance I get."

tion that this contract is the best they country a square deal. Three or fou dens, claims for arbitration, and operate it for ten years. Winter and increase all the time, and let us have ecutive, elected in November, negoa new contract equated to present day tiated and enacted the contract of conditions. Another reason why I am that year in the following February. opposing this Bill is because the ac-Bond in 1901, with a mandate from tion I am now advocating, the making the country to destroy that contract, of a new contract, ought to have been negotiated two new ones, the first not asked to deal with it, but was only ask- Morris in 1909, with a mandate from ed to vote for a loan to help provide the country, put through the Branch the Reids with rolling stock, and not Railway contract and in 1914, after then, after the House closed, the Gov- the Carbide enterprise for Bay of Isernment, without any authority from lands, though as a result of the war the country or the legislature, made and for other reasons it has not come and give them a million and a half ment, however, evaded this issue at dollars to pay their bills for working the last session and now offer us only the railroad during the past twelve a temporary expedient instead of a

A year ago in an informal confer-

way and that an English lawyer skilled in company law would be brought contracts and their relation to each Neither of these things has een done and no real attempt rate, by the Government to deal with this question, until the Government was forced into action by a refusal of the Opposition to allow the House to be closed without something being done. We are told now that offers were made to the Opposition to join with the Government in dealing with the problem, but that the Opposition refused. I do not know the reasons which actuated the Opposition for so doing, but I repeat what I have already said, that I can readily believe that the Opposition did not want to involve themselves in this complication which the Government had created and which they ought to get out of. Then Sir George Bury was brought here, but I do not take his report sericusly, for he simply adopted Mr. Hall's scheme outlined in the Coaker-Hall report two or three weeks previously, and the money we paid Sir George Bury is money thrown away. I do not mean to question his capabilities as a railroad man, but I say he came here in the middle of the summer, stayed only two or three days, when he saw the railroad and every-thing connected with it at its best, whereas, in my opinion, the time to get a man here to study the railroad problem would be in the winter, when the present difficulties would have to faced. Another thing is that we did not need a man to come here and tell us to make a temporary agree-ment with the Reids to carry on the road for another twelve months. What we wanted was a man to give us some permanent solution of the problem, something than we could deal with and say "well, the railroad problem will not worry us any more for years." will not worry us any more for years."

Our Hon. friend (Dr. Campbell) says the Government's interests will be looked after by the new General Manager. This I submit is altogether a mistaken idea. The new General Manager will be engaged by the Reids, will be paid by the Reids, (out of our money I admit) and will be discharged by the Reids if he does not obey their orders. He will not be responsible to the Government or to the Colony. If the Government was bringing in a man like Sir George Bury, or Colony. It the Government was bringing in a man like Sir George Bury, or
some other Canadian railroader and
putting him in charge for four or five
years and backing him with money
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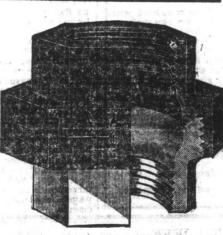
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