

lock-tender to make a false report in order to get his brother lock-tender discharged; who sends carpenters and laborers to work at Mr. Ellis' house, and certifies to their time as if working for the Government; and who sends the scow "Sir John" for stone and cement free of charge for the rubber factory. The stone and cement came through the canal as Government property and was used in the rubber factory. You will know the other deputy, Mr. Dell, the overseer on the canal since 1850, as per his first evidence. But when he was re-called he had to take twenty years off the time. He is the man that wanted old plank, but kept the new ones. You will know the Superintendent, the paymaster and the clerk, who compose the treasury board. The clerk is ordered by Mr. Ellis to put down so many days on the time-list, and the entry is made accordingly, Mr. Ellis certifying to the time as being correct, when he knew that he did no work, and he ordered the paymaster to pay it, and by such conduct deceived the Government, the country paying the money. He, the Superintendent, makes the clerk and paymaster parties to the fraud perpetrated on the public. Is the paymaster an independent officer? If he is not he should be. Why should the paymaster pay the money when he knew that this man Assell did not work? As you look over the evidence you must get well acquainted with the Superintendent, who accepts free gas from the gas company and burns it for fuel; who receives a testimonial from the manufacturers and builds their structures—such as bridges and chutes, and digs their ponds, without any authority from the Department; who built a Custom house and post office at Port Colborne out of canal maintenance without any authority; who constructs a dock at Port Colborne that proves a failure, without consulting the Chief Engineer; who takes laborers, carpenters and gasfitters to do his private work, and they get paid with Government money at the canal office; who charges his horse-hire to the Government, although he is allowed \$300 a year for that purpose; who has his own private teaming done by teamsters on the canal and they are paid by Government money; who borrows money from the employés on the canal through his deputy, J. B. Smith; who builds a township bridge with canal funds

at a cost of over \$1,000, contrary to the report of the Chief Engineer, to please a member of Parliament; who neglects his duty to close the gates at Port Colborne, and occasions a loss to the country of \$25,000; who threatens to kick respectable gentlemen out of his office because they do not grant his requests; who gets his fence pickets from the Government yard at Port Dalhousie; who acts so meanly as to pay for \$1.50 worth of vegetables with one yard of Government gravel; who put in a receipt signed with a "X" to hide it—this is the gentleman that threatens me with an action for slander for \$10,000 for daring to speak about his conduct. He was playing bluff, so to speak. You will know the gentleman that appoints the employés on the canal, that is the Q.C., M.P.; he that is not an informer, but pleads the cause of the canal officials with great ability; he that has been the advocate and would like to be the judge before this case is ended. The commissioner, at page 33 of the pamphlet says, on the increase of \$300 to Mr. Demare's salary, that if he, the commissioner, believes the evidence, Mr. Demare deserves the money. Mr. Page says that Demare is "skilful and energetic"—skilful and energetic? Yes; in sending men to work at Mr. Ellis' private residence and returning their time as if working for the Government and the men paid by Government money. Skilful in paying himself money that he ought to pay to the credit of the country; skilful and energetic in giving the use of Government property to his friends free of charge; skilful and energetic in finding a leak under the rubber factory to cover up a corrupt job; skilful and energetic to farm out lock-tenders to work at his friend's rubber factory; skilful and energetic to have men to work on Miller's contract for building the pontoon and returning their time as if working for the Government, and the men get paid by the Government, when Mr. Miller should have paid them; skilful and energetic to send men to work on R. Miller's contract for repairs on overseer's house, and in returning the time as working for the Government, and have them paid by the Government, instead of Mr. Miller paying them; skilful and energetic in getting free gas and making the Government pay for it by having the gas measured in the Government meter and charged to the Government before it goes