APPENDIX No. 6

House of Commons, Committee Room No. 32, Tuesday, June 23, 1908.

Committee met at 11.30 o'clock a.m.

Present: Mr. Maclean (Lunenburg), in the chair; and Messrs. Chisholm (Antigonish), Galliher, Monk, and Walsh (Huntingdon).—5.

Hon. S. N. Parent, Mr. Bell (assistant accountant of Railways and Canals Department) and Mr. A. E. Hoare (chief engineer of Quebec Bridge Company) were in attendance. Also, Mr. Lorenzo Robitaille, M.P., by request of chairman.

Mr. Robitaille, M.P., was called and examined by Mr. Galliher.

Mr. Robitaille withdrew, to prepare a statement regarding the financial condition of Quebec Bridge Company, as understood by himself, and as represented in his speech in the House on April 26, 1907.

Hon. Mr. Parent, president of Quebec Bridge & Railway Company, called, sworn and examined by Mr. Monk. (His evidence being taken down in the French language by a stenographer sworn for the purpose.)

At one o'clock p.m., Committee took recess.

Three-thirty o'clock p.m.

Committee resumed.

Mr. Henry Holgate, C.E., Montreal, attended as requested.

Mr. Holgate was called, sworn and examined by Mr. Monk, and others, and cross-examined by the chairman and others.

Witness discharged.

Mr. Parent's examination was then resumed by Mr. Monk.

Witness retired.

The following paper was filed and marked as Exhibit No. 45—First annual report of the directors of Quebec Railway Bridge Company, dated June 4, 1889, and signed by J. B. Forsyth, president, and by L. F. Burroughs, secretary.

Mr. Robitaille, M.P., submitted his statement regarding the financial condition of Quebec Bridge Company, as understood by himself on April 26, 1907, and was further examined thereon.

Mr. Robitaille then withdrew.

Committee adjourned until Tuesday next, 30th instant.

Attest,

N. ROBIDOUX,

Clerk of Committee.