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MAJOR STEPHENS AND NATIONAL PORTS.

ization of the board in its present form he set about making a study on the spot of the equipment of the great ports on both sides of 'the Atlantic. In yester-day's address he gave a brief but comprehensive sketch of the manner in which the ports of Glasgow. Newcastle, Manchester, Antwerp, and Hamburg were pre-making the train officers wrong when there is an accimal making the train officers wrong when there is an accimal making the train officers wrong when there is an accimal making the train officers wrong when there is an accimal making the train officers wrong when there is an accimal making the train officers wrong when there is an accimal making the train longer than the crew expects to get to a siding, but the crew are obliged by orders not be longer than the crew are obliged b

tion systems, we in Canada have given relatively less coroner's jury does not sympathize with this method tion systems, we in Canada have given relatively less coroner's jury does not sympathize with this method. attention in the past to the euipment of seaports than we have to railways and canals. It is natural that we should have looked first after the inland transportation, and that Europe should think most and first of the seaports. In Great Britain, Beligium and Germany, the distance is comparatively short.

The method of throwing the whole responsibility responsibility conductors and drivers leaving them to decide gium and Germany, the distance is comparatively short
between the seaport and the place where exports or
ignate or where imports are distributed. Domestic
transportation in these countries is an easy problem
compared with that on this continent, When we had
to choose between a port almost in a state of nature
and yet somewhat available, and access of our inland
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Perhaps the crisis is not so desperate as it is rep Fernaps the crisis is not so desperate as it is resented. Suppose the result of the election shabe a change in the constitution, the weakening theridary peerage, and the establishment of a sechanber on some other basis. Such a revolution w hock some Conservative minds in England. But is ther parts of the British Empire there are no hereditary ors, and they are not found necessary in all the tional monarchies of Europe. Apart altogether rom the question now before the people many must b soon begin to show cause why it must not giv It would be curious if the Lords retain thei power and influence by just such proceedings as that of Tuesday and by subsequent discovery that they are on the side of the people against the Commons.

PLACING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Government organs are quite satisfied with the first clause of the verdict of the coroner's jury in the Nash's Creek accident, but are highly critical in respect to the other two. The first one finds the train officers the other two. The others censure the Intercolonial man to blame. The others censure the in agement in connection with this fatality

There seems to be no doubt that the findings a The address of Major Stephens before the Canadian Club dealt mainly with one aspect of the Transportation problem. This feature is one of special interest to this community, and of immediate and almost paramount importance to the whole country. Happily it is the branch of the subject on which Major Stephens can speak as an export. He is chairman of the Montreal Harbor Commission, and on the organization of the board in its present form he set about it may take the train longer than the crew expects to make the study of the capulpment of the The address of Major Stephens before the Canadian all in accord with the facts. It is true that the train

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compared with that on this continent, When we had to choose between a port almost in a state of nature and yet somewhat available, and access of our inland settlers to the seaboard, one, two or three thousand miles away, we took the internal communications. Without proper harbor conveniences, commerce proceeded not proper harbor conveniences, commerce proceeded at a disadvantage. Without access of the producers at a disadvantage. Without access of the producers at a disadvantage. Without access of the producers are a disadvantage. Without access of the producers are a disadvantage. Without access of the producers to the sea they could have no compand consumers to the sea they could have no content and consumers to the sea they could have no content and consumers to the sea they could have no content and consumers to the sea they could have no content and consumers to the sea they could have no content and consumers to the sea they could have no content and consumers to the sea they could have no content and consumers to the sea they could have no content and consumers to the sea they could have no content and consumers to the sea they could have no content and consumers to the sea they could have no content and consumers to the sea they could have no content and logical order.

But while it was well to build railways and provide cannals before spending too much of the national substance on sea-ports, this order of things has gone too far. The treasury of the nation has been to a vast extent behind the railways and the waterways while the seaports have been partly equipped by the enterprise of private individuals who pay themselves by a toll on the traffic, others by public corporations which also level on the plaintiff's wife's attention of the plaintiff's wife's

have been partly equipped by the enterprise of private individuals who pay themselves by a toll on the traffic such tolls as are required to pay interest and extenses. One city imposed direct taxes upon the inhabitants in order that accommodation should be provided for national traffic. But the country has the same that was brought to the same instrument on such general interest in providing for the conveyance of goods into and out of the country. We have been providing largely at a public cost an immense system of transport. He is able to point out somewhat definitely what ought to be done. He shows how much easier a proposition this is for us shows how much easier a proposition this is for us shows how much easier a proposition this is for us there is not conveying to the front in its harbor equipment. This progress is accomplished on the credit of the compared with a snatom of breadoughts, but is vastity from the board over which he presides is rapidly entire that Major Stephens regards the existing system of management and responsibility as merely temperary. He expects Montreal, Mate the states of the same has town the content of the conte

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act, His Honor Judge Porbes at the request of the plaintiff's counsel adjourned the hearing yesterday morning until Monday at 11 a. m. Dr. L. A. Currèy, K. C., appeared for Mr. Porter and J. King Kelley for Mr. Edwards.

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