

"minster, is commendable, and quite feasible for expansion to the  
 "extent even of direct connection with Vancouver Island, if the  
 "Dominion and Provincial Governments, as well as say the three trunk  
 "Railways, joined in fair proportions, as was done by the seven Rail-  
 "ways who collectively constructed the Forth Bridge in Scotland."

24. "The principle of Joint Road and Rail Bridges is worthy of  
 "being considered as a policy adaptable in the construction of all  
 "future Railways and when existing bridges have to be replaced at  
 "such places as Lytton, Revelstoke, Nelson, etc. The Albertan Gov-  
 "ernment and Edmonton City has now arranged with the C. P. R. to  
 "build a Joint Road and Railway Bridge across the Saskatchewan  
 "River from Strathcona."

*This was about the only recommendation the McBride-Bowser Govern-  
 ment acted upon. One Cabinet Minister whom I had asked why others re  
 Shares, etc., had not been decided upon to benefit the Province, significantly  
 replied that "They could not have made a 'deal' with Mackenzie and Mann  
 where such safeguards were asked."*

#### **RAILWAY CROSSINGS AND FREE-WAYS OVER RIVERS.**

25. "Much waste of money can be saved and facilities for  
 "public convenience gained during construction by prudent anticipa-  
 "tion of the need for Railway Crossings and free-ways for steamers,  
 "etc., to pass under bridges to be erected over Rivers during future  
 "Railway development."

*NOTE—Had this needed precaution been taken by simply embodying the  
 British Clause s in the B. C. General Railway Act, British Columbia would  
 have been saved from all losses, such as those imposed upon Boat Freighters and  
 Contractors in Litigation against the new railway companies for building the  
 Bridges too low, causing extra cost to Boatmen on the Upper Fraser, and the  
 greater losses caused by cutting off water traffic for hundreds of miles north-  
 wards.*

26. "If in the Public interest a crossing or higher bridge is  
 "required where the increased cost would be a hardship upon the  
 "Company, then the payment of the increased Capital required or  
 "guarantee of interest on the extra capital outlay should be favorably  
 "considered by the Government."

#### **PERMANENT ARBITRATORS COULD BE APPOINTED.**

27. "To settle what is fair from time to time, an inexpensive  
 "arbitrator or Judge (such as Judge Macdonald) might be legislated  
 "for without fees till called in. Such Arbitrators in England have  
 "proved of great benefit and their simple provision has ensured great  
 "harmony and saved vast trouble, even though some have never been  
 "called in to arbitrate. The knowledge that the Arbitrator COULD  
 "DECIDE, caused both sides as a rule to agree quickly between them-  
 "selves. Large amounts of money have thus been saved, which with-