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yet commenced and which there is now ample time to rectify, without, to any great extent, increasing the cost of the road,

The suggestions I am about to make do not require that any portion of the works as executed should be condemned, removed or done over again; but merely that they be added to, as in the proposed increased height and breadth of the roadway, the additional thickness and bond of the bridge piers, the additional thickness and strength of the proposed crib-work around the substructure of the bridge piers, and so on.

When I say that the time has arrived for me to supply this additional information: it is that since the publication of Mr. Light's supplemental report, I have heard the remark made that it is totally different from my first official report and entirely contradictory thereof. The "Courrier du Canada" has lately reiterated the assertion which as I shall presently show is altogether unwarranted.

Mr. Light, in his first report expresses himself satisfied with the progress made and with the general character of the work, with the exception, he says, of the road-bed which he considers too low and too narrow.

Mr. Light says, page 8 of his written report. "The works generally are well done and in accordance with the specifications, and are progressing in a satisfactory manner."

Is this in opposition to what I have written on the same subject?

Again, at foot of page 8 of Light's report, he says: "The question whether the works are substantial and permanent in character may be answered in the affirmative."