

£2,000 referred to, appears to have been occasioned in the following manner :

"The late Commissioners agreed with Messrs. Naylor & Co. to furnish a certain quantity of Iron Rails, agreeable to certain plans and specifications, and at a certain price. When these Rails were received in New Brunswick, it was found that they were not manufactured in accordance with such regulations, and the present Commissioners refused to pay the amount claimed by Messrs. Naylor & Co. Mr. Light's certificate, now in the office of the Commissioners, shews that the Rails received are not worth as much by £2,000 as they would have been, had the exact specification been complied with. On the Commissioners' demanding a reduction of the above amount, they produced the agreement, which shewed that the Rails had been approved of by the person employed by *them* to inspect them ; and the Solicitor General gave it as his opinion that, under that agreement, the Commissioners were bound to pay the claim.

"*The conditions then, which provided that the inspection of these Rails should be made by a person appointed by Messrs. Naylor & Co., led to the loss, certified by Mr. Light, to be £2,000. It was on these facts that I felt myself authorised to state what I did upon the subject.*

"Yours, &c.,

"S. L. TILLEY.

"To W. H. SCOVIL, Esq., St. John."

"ST. JOHN, N. B., 28th APRIL, 1858.

"SIR—I received your favour of 14th inst., in due course, and knowing you were absent, have delayed writing until now.

"You refer me to a certificate of Mr. Light's, respecting the Rails imported from Naylor & Co. ; will you furnish me a copy of that certificate, and oblige,

"Yours, &c.,

"WM. HY. SCOVIL.

"The Hon. S. L. TILLEY."

"FREDERICTON, 4th MAY, 1858.

"SIR—In a conversation with Mr. Jardine on the 14th ult., relative to a certificate referred to, he said you could see it at the office if you desired to do so.

"If you prefer a copy of the certificate, I will apply to him for it.

"Yours, &c.,

"S. L. TILLEY.

"W. H. SCOVIL, Esq."

"ST. JOHN, N. B., 18th MAY, 1858.

"SIR—I received your note of the 4th inst. I *prefer* a copy of Mr. Light's certificate. If you will furnish me one, you will oblige,

"Yours, &c.,

"WM. HY. SCOVIL.

"The Hon. S. L. TILLEY, Fredericton."