

the ill advised determination of the Commissioners, the reversal of their policy and the erection of permanent structures throughout the length of the railway.

A few years later Mr. Higginson executed some work for the Commissioners, his claim for which has been proved to be reasonable and correct. The commission however failed to see him paid, —indeed up to the present time he remains unpaid. Mr. Higginson lives in England. He has not failed to present his claim year by year to the Canadian Government. He has visited Canada himself. He has sent his brother, and more recently his daughter to press his claim, but all without success. Naturally retaining an active sense of gratitude for the service Mr. Higginson rendered me in my efforts to undo the unwise policy of the Commissioners, and knowing how much embarrassed he has been by the non-payment of what is due him by the Government, I purchased half of his claim for the sum of \$6378.08 and transferred it to Queens College. In doing this my purpose was two-fold. — (1) The immediate object was to relieve Mr. Higginson and enable him to meet pressing needs. (2) My second object was to benefit Queens University with which I have long been closely associated. In taking this course I was moved by the consideration that while Mr. Higginson is in England, the agents of Queens are in Canada, and consequently are in the best position to keep the matter before the Government and follow the case to a successful issue.

Miss Higginson before she left Canada handed me a copy of a memorial which she laid before his Excellency the Governor General. This memorial states the case briefly from