

\$2,880,000—and so by an easy sum in addition we have \$14,880,000.

ANOTHER "PRIVILEGE" ALMOST OVERLOOKED.

It seems, however, that, notwithstanding the ingenuity and indefatigability of the British agent and the five counsel, one from each Province, who aided him in getting up the case, one important item was, after all, forgotten. But though omitted in the case, it did not fail to appear in evidence. Witnesses were examined, and schedules exhibited, to show the cost of construction and maintenance of all the light-houses, fog whistles, and buoys along the coasts of the Provinces! It was not stated whether the whole sum or what proportion of it was thought to be chargeable to the United States, nor whether the amount was included in the \$14,000,000 or additional thereto, but it was thrown in as a part of the British claim! Ridiculed by the American counsel, it was not insisted upon. But who can say that even such evidence did not have its effect upon the result? The "impartial arbitrator" might very well imagine that he could not go very far amiss by splitting the difference between the extreme demand of the one party, and the total denial of the other. Whatever, therefore, swelled the claim swelled the award. And so we get a glimpse at the manner in which the very surprising award of \$5,500,000 was arrived at.

Such is the British case. To sift and digest the mass of evidence offered in support of it, or that which the United States introduced on its behalf, would weary the reader; nor could we, within a brief compass, do justice to the able answer of the Agent of the United States, or the admirable arguments of the counsel on both sides. Suffice it to say, that however the majority of the Commission reached the decision they made, it cannot be seen to be due to any deficiency in the presentment of the case of the United States by its Agent and Counsel.