

ment as to Mr. Reed's being in England, when, as you say, only about 100 tons of Rails had been manufactured; and I now observe that in connection with a repetition of the same argument, you add, 'that it appears from the Chief Engineer's Report that Mr. Reed was of opinion that the manufacturers were not doing justice in the manufacture of the Rails.' If you substantiate this last assertion of Mr. Reed's early opinion of the carelessness or injustice of the manufacturers, I confess you will weaken my conviction that the late Board are alone responsible for the loss in question. I have however carefully searched all the documents to which I have access, and find no foundation for your assertion.

"I have received the copy you have sent to me of the letter from Messrs. Naylor, Vickers & Co. to Mr. Reed, of date 18th December, 1857, but I feel more confidence in the statements and arguments of the disinterested persons who have seen the Rails landed in the Province. To enlighten you on this point, I enclose a copy of a letter dated 11th May, 1858, from Mr. Jardine, the Chairman of the present Board, to Messrs. Naylor & Co., of Boston, and also of a letter to Mr. Jardine, dated 10th May, from Mr. Walker, one of the Contractors who laid the Rails.

"I am Yours, &c.,

"S. L. TILLEY.

"Wm. Hy. Scovil, Saint John."

The two following letters, also furnished Mr. Scovil, were suppressed by him:—

(COPY.)

"RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
Saint John, May 11th, 1858.

"DEAR SIRs—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23d April, in which you inform me that a report had reached you that dissatisfaction continued to be felt by us with the Rails furnished by your Liverpool House, and stating that if we can make out a good case, you will present it, and that you hope, from the high character of the makers, that we will receive justice under any circumstances.

"You will recollect, that soon after the receipt of the Rails in question, we sent you certificates as to their character, from Mr. Light, our Chief Engineer, and from Mr. Fleming, a Founder and Machinist of standing here. We now enclose copies of these certificates.

"The Rails have now been laid, which has afforded an opportunity of testing the opinion of those who previously inspected them; and I now enclose additional certificate from Mr. Light, and a certificate from Messrs. Walker & Co., the contractor, who laid a portion of them.

"If this does not satisfy you as to the quality and character of the Rails furnished by you, I have to request that you will send