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inue to make war on dirt.

ANOTHER TORY SCANDAL all means let us have it; but let us als Commissioner Pringle, who is investigating the affairs of the Southampto Railway, has brought out some very in tly in excess of the actual cost, and early on Sunday morning the surthe charges made by Mr. F. B. Carvell face was seen to be so calm toward in parliament are shown to have been the farther shore that the houses, trees fully justified. But for Mr. Carvell's and hills were reflected as in a great wightance the public treasury might have been looted without detection. Consider fittin breezes created enough motion to

A.— Because Mr. Pinder saked me to Changes was and tide that a small motur boot respectively and the properties of the secondary which had crossed the river delayed it. Mr. Pringle—You know that it had attempted to cross while the wind never been in your mind and the the releved \$4,000, but gave a receipted that the work cost \$7,460. It is not surprising that Commission. The evidence shows that there was no account with perfect countred to the work cost \$7,460. It is not surprising that Commission. The evidence shows that there was no account with perfect countred to the work cost \$7,460. It is not surprising that Commission. The evidence shows that there was no account with perfect countred to the work of \$4,000, but gave a receipted that the work cost \$7,460. It is not surprising that Commission. The evidence shows that there was no account with perfect countred to the work of \$4,000, but gave a receipted that the work cost \$7,460. It is not surprising that Commission. The evidence shows that there was no account with perfect countred to the work of \$4,000 per mind and the the double subsidy of \$6,000 per mind was pidd on incorrect representations of the cost of the work by the government at many part of no incorrect representations of the cost of the work by the government at majorer. This investigation adouted the thing of the perfect of the work by the government at majorer. This investigation adout the perfect of the work by the government at the state contract of the work of \$4,000 per mind and the thing of the perfect of the work of \$4,000 per mind and the thing of the state of the work of \$4,000 per mind and the thing of the standard this mirroring asys that its staff correspondent had an interview with Mr. Gould in Frederiction years that we was obtained the proposition present was accounted to the proposition present when the state of the standard this mirroring asys that its staff correspondent had an interview with Mr. Gould was doubt the work of the staff correspondent had an interview with Mr. Go

the Times with lying, and to continue to be the champion of Valley Railway contractors and their friends in the government, but that will not restore to the treasury of New Brunswick one dollar of the money wastefully expended in connection with the construction of the from the inquiry. His continued absence will be accepted by the public as proof of the charge."

DIRT AND DISEASE

In a paper on The Relation of Sanftation to Death and Disease, by H. W. Hill, M. B., M. D., D. P. H., formerly of London, Ontario, but now executive secretary of the Minnesota Public Health Association, which is printed in today's Times, there are statements which must some with the force of a shock to those who have assumed that there is a very direct and significant relation between dirt and disease.

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Dr. Hill is not opposed to sanitary laws and regulations, but he insists that loo much emphasis may be placed upon them, and to fortify his position he quotes some remarkable figures compiled by the health officer at Port Hope, Ontario, which show that the death rate was greater among those who obeyed the health and sanitary regulations than smong those by whom these were disregarded.

Of course Dr. Hill would not accept is single illustration, and that from a small community like Port Hope, where the health conditions are probably very pood, as proof of a theory. There are laures quite as convincing to show that proper attention to housing and sanitation in the slums of great cities, where litr abounds, has greatly reduced the leath rate. Nevertheless there may be a great deal of force in his contention that too much attention has been paid by health departments to one phase of the subject. It would be unfortunate, knowever, if the impression prevailed that lift may be nearly as bad as disease, and make life much see was bad as disease, and make life much see when the liquity before the Royal Commission, the Valley Railway is bad as disease, and make life much see when the liquity before the Royal Commission, the Valley Railway is bad as disease, and make life much see when the liquity before the Royal Commission, the Valley Railway is to cause disease, and make life much see whether they contained the proper that the mathematical powerment. The whole affair is a litrom that the mathematical powerment. The whole affair is a litrom that the mathematical powerment. The whole affair is a litrom that the mathematical powerment. The whole affair is a litrom that the mathematical powerment. The whole affair is a litrom that the mathematical powerment. The whole affair is a litrom that the mathematical powerment. The whole affair is a litrom that the mathematical powerment. The whole affair is a litrom that the mathematical powerment. The whole affair is a l is a great source of worry to the provinnd sanitation and beautiful surroundings are worth while, whether they coninducted longevity or not. If great emhasis is needed in other directions, by

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been looted without detection. Consider the following extract from the report of the proceedings yesterday when Mr. James Cunningham of Fredericton, one of the contractors, was on the stand and was being questioned regarding his receipted account:—

To the commissioner, the witness hesitatingly admitted that the account was made up and receipted since the investigation started.

Mr. Pringle—All he owed you was \$8,101?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And he did not pay you \$75 for A. Active.

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freshened, and became almost a gale.
A sailing yacht beating down the river
beeled over under the strain, and the
a car of cement?

Spray was dashed from her bows as she
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After a recent railway collisis
the Midlands a Scotsman was ex
ed from the wreckage by a comp
who had escaped unhurt. "Never
sandy," his rescuer remarked; "It

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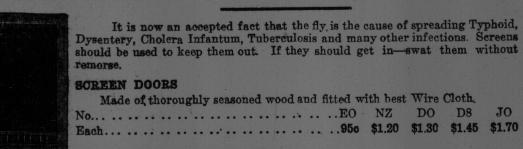
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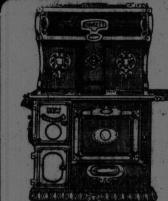


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Fredericton, July 7—That the reports of the government engineer on the cost of the Southampton railway were great-ly in excess of the actual cost of the

ly in excess of the actual cost of the road, was clearly shown by the evidence presented at the enquiry which opened here today.

A dramatic feature of the investigation occurred when the commissioner forced a witness to admit that his receipted account was made up for \$1,000 more than he received after the investigation had been ordered. With unconcealed indignation the commissioner showed the witness what he thought of the proceeding and drove him from the stand.

Inner Cunningham, of Fredericton,

stand.

James Cunningham, of Fredericton, sworn, told of contracting verbally with Mr. Pinder for doing the concrete work on two bridges at \$5 per cubic yard for one and \$8.50 for the other. The first was for 196 yards and the other for 151. For this, with necessary excavations, he paid \$3,101.

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Mr. Pringle—All he owed you was \$3,101?

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Mr. Pringle—All he owed you was \$8,101?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And he did not pay you \$75 for lumber, \$328 for a car of cement?

A.—No.

Q.—Why did you make up this bill and receipt it?

A.—Because Mr. Pinder asked me to.

Q.—Why did you make up this bill and receipt it?

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Q.—It was arranged since the investigation opened to fill out the accounts?

A.—It had been in my mind.

Mr. Pringle—You know that it had never been in your mind and that this was concocted for the purpose of the railway company in this investigation. It think we understand this matter fully now. You may sit down.

Wm. McDonald, railway contractor, geve evidence.

The commissioner summarized Mr. Brown's progress estimates as showing total earth and rock excavations of 148,-193 square yards, as compared with the advance estimate of 135,584 yards, a comparatively small discrepancy, but the government engineer reported and the company was paid subsidy on 184,300 yards, a difference of 41,105 yards. The witness was unable to account for the difference or to say whether there was a quantity of rock excavation unaccounted for. Finally, mopping his brow, the witness asserted that he believed that he must have done a large amount of excavating for which the engineer had not allowed him credit.

Mr. Pringle—Well, you and Mr. Brown will have to fight that out.

Robt. McDonald, son and partner of the previous witness, also testified.

The commissioner—This might be a good time for Mr. Pinder to produce his books, or did he have any books?

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