

verdict against the Specifications ; and two have expressed an unqualified opinion in their favor.

Assuming that equal weight should be attached to the opinion of each of these Gentlemen, the case must be regarded as about equally balanced, so far as their opinions are concerned. But if the opinion of Mr. Blackstone, together with that of the Chief Engineer of the Company, are entitled to any weight in the matter, the scales would preponderate decidedly in favor of the Specifications.

In whatever light the result of the discussion may be viewed, by the Board of Directors, I trust it will be conceded that the points at issue have been presented by the Chief Engineer, in a fair and impartial manner ; and with a sincere desire to arrive at a just and equitable solution.

I can only remark in conclusion, that, so long as the work remains in charge of the present Chief Engineer, no pains or labor will be spared on his part, to produce a work that shall be creditable alike to the Company, the Contractors, and the Engineer ; and one that shall fully meet the just expectations of the Government, the City of Quebec, and the people at large, all of whom have so great an interest in the speedy, and proper construction of the Road.

SILAS SEYMOUR.

Quebec, July 14, 1873.