

the scheme of last year. On the other hand, the Undersigned feel strongly that it is incumbent on all parties to render the present re-adjustment of the affairs of the Company practically complete in all its branches; and as the result of the negotiations which have been set on foot the Undersigned are happy to announce that the great object will be accomplished of freeing the Company from the pressure of judgment debts, and also of recovering for the benefit of the bond and shareholders at large, a considerable proportion of the collateral securities referred to above.

IV.—Reduction of Lease Rents, &c.

(3) The proposal of the Second Report as regards general concession by all claimants on the Line was, that the *Detroit and Sarnia* lease rent should be reduced from £36,000 to about £20,000 per annum; that for a period of five years, 1862-66, the *Atlantic and St. Lawrence* lease rent should be reduced about £12,000, or from 6 per cent. to 5 per cent.; and that the first and second Preference and Ordinary Bonds should also submit for the same period to reductions of annual interest. The Select Committee proposed five years, because they were desirous of imposing as small a burden as possible on the suffering interests. In place of the five years proposed, clauses have been adopted extending the term to *ten* years, to the 31st day of December, 1872. It seems to have