

How many axes, approximately, were weighed by the Inspectors to establish the fact that the weight of each was  $3\frac{1}{4}$  instead of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. From a remark made in the letter from the Welland Gate Coy, it might be inferred that the axes delivered were huddled; but there is nothing in the Schedule to warrant such an assumption; and the Department understands that the axes were delivered by the Contractor unhandled.

It is reasonable to suppose that if the contention of the Contractors in the second

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