

point of view introduced in my last letter, and now objected to by you, as new matter. In any differences of opinion that may arise between myself and others upon any subject whatever, more especially those affecting the public interests, I hope I shall ever be prepared to discuss them calmly and fully, and that I shall never object to any evidence or argument that may be brought forward, on the ground that it was not stated in a first letter or speech of my opponent.

"As to the extraordinary expressions contained in your letter now acknowledged, I would remind you that it is generally admitted, that to lose temper in a controversy, affords tolerable good evidence of inability to sustain one's position by facts and arguments.

"Time will shew, whether or not you regard this letter as worthy of an answer.

"I have the honor, &c. &c.,

(Signed)

"S. L. TILLEY.

"WM. HENRY SCOVIL, Esquire,
Late Railway Commissioner, &c. &c."

In addition to that part of the correspondence published by Mr. Scovil, he makes the following statement, as an apology for the neglect of the Board to appoint the Inspector :

"I will here explain why the late Board did not appoint an Inspector. When the above order was made, the Board had under consideration the engagement of Mr. Smith, as Inspector, (who had been recommended by the Chief Engineer). They did not know at the time the order was made, if an arrangement could be made with Mr. Smith to proceed immediately to England, therefore they provided that an Inspector should be appointed, *provisionally*, by Messrs. Naylor, in event of an Inspector from the Board not being present to take charge at the commencement of the manufacture of the Rails. A few days after this order was sent, and immediately after a meeting of the present Government at Fredericton (about 8th June), a member of the Railway Board was informed by a member of the present Government, that the then Board would be superseded by a new Board. And soon after this, hearing also from Messrs. Naylor that but a small portion of those Rails, *perhaps none*, could be got ready in August, the late Board determined to leave the appointment of an Inspector with their successors.

"W. H. S."

Mr. Scovil's defence, then, may be briefly stated as follows :—

First—That the provisional appointment of an Inspector by Messrs. Naylor & Co., was suggested by the Board, because they did not know whether Mr. Smith's services could be immediately obtained in that capacity.