

The statement made by Mr. Light in the foregoing letter, to the effect that these remarks respecting "*certain sweeping changes for the better*" that had been made on the works, since they came under the Government control," "do not apply to the Northern Colonization Railway," seems, whether intended or not, to leave the inference quite clear, that they do apply in full force, and without any qualification, to the North Shore Railway; which is the only other line of railway that has recently "come under Government control."

It is quite apparent also, that the subsequent remark contained in his letter, to the effect that: "These objections, after all, were mere differences of opinion, to which one man had probably just as much right as the other—and had nothing whatever to do with any intention of putting in inferior work," was intended for the sole benefit of the "eminent Chief Engineer," and the "well-known Contractor" of the Northern Colonization Railway; while, at the same time, the entire letter does not fail to convey the idea, that this remark would be *entirely out of place* in connection with the North Shore Railway.

It is further stated that, the "very little fault which I had to find with the work on the Northern Colonization Railway, was immediately proposed to be rectified, in the frankest manner, by Mr. Legge, the eminent Chief Engineer, and Mr. Duncan McDonald, the well-known Contractor."

The following extracts from Mr. Light's "Official Report," will show how "very little fault" he had to find with it, &c.