

as Mr. Ellis had. Nestor did not receive light and fuel in the shape of free gas, or get a testimonial from the manufacturers for favors past and prospective, but had to stand the tyranny of the man who was enabled to get fat by the receipt of these favors. This is a sample of the conduct of the gentleman who gets his light and fuel free for his civility, and who lords it over the poor lock-tenders such as Martin Nestor. This is the character of the man who has been entrusted by the Government with the management of the Welland Canal. Now, we will have a word to say about his deputy, Smythe, the one that I call his broker. Deputy J. B. Smythe made conditions in employing men to contribute a certain amount towards the payment of the debts of Mr. Ellis—for whom he was acting as broker—by raising loans from the employés, as in Abbey's case; also, in the way of getting teaming done, by sending teamsters on the Canal to do Mr. Ellis' work, such as Chas. Hill and Hamilton Page. Mr. Ellis has Mr. Demare sending Charles Hill, carpenter, to work at his house, and he has Mr. Demare sending laborers to work in his garden, and has their time certified to as if they were working for the Government. Mr. Ellis himself also takes Walter Chatfield to work for three weeks, we paying him at the rate of \$75 a month. Mr. Rykert's says that that gentleman of leisure if not working for Mr. Ellis would be making picture frames for himself. Mr. Ellis takes Geo. Nicholson for three weeks to work at his house and the Government pays him say \$36. Mr. Ellis takes Lock-tender Bonnewell for twenty days to cook for him, at a cost to the country of \$30. Mr. Ellis says he is managing a great public work, and that he alone is responsible to the country for what he does. Mr. Ellis receives money which they call a testimonial from the manufacturers on the canal; and in return Mr. Ellis builds the manufacturers' structures, digs their ponds and keeps their races clear of ice. Mr. Ellis considers it beneath him to consult the Department or the Chief Engineer about Port Colborne dock, but he consults his subordinate, and he builds the Shiner Pond bridge against the report of the Chief Engineer and hides it from the Government. Mr. Ellis receives gas from the gas company for light and fuel and \$100 in cash, and gives the company a *quid pro quo* or

equivalent, as you may see by the evidence. He pays them back by turning down the gas on the canal to the injury of the trade of the country. Mr. Ellis certified to Mr. Vanderburg's bill for railway fare for \$170 a year more than he paid, and he certainly could not help knowing it if he was doing his duty in this. Mr. Ellis certifies to his own livery bill to Foster, and the Government pays it, though Ellis is allowed \$300 a year for that purpose. Look at the pay-lists and you will find Ellis' accounts and Vanderburg's with Foster close together on them. Mr. Ellis could not reduce Mr. Vanderburg's account when he was taking more for livery monthly than Mr. Vanderburg. Mr. Ellis certified the Department that William Assell worked on the canal 654 days, when he knew that he did not work a day at that time. The paymaster and clerk knew it also, and that the country paid Mr. Assell \$817.50 for work that he never performed. We built Mr. Ellis' house, we raised his cabbages and potatoes, we did his teaming, we built his fences, we built his walks, we find him a man servant, we pay for his light and fuel, at a great cost to the country, and we even black his boots. And what is more, this man who is trusted by the Government of this country—I am almost ashamed to tell it—traded a yard of gravel to pay for \$1.50 worth of vegetables, and in trying to hide it produced a false receipt, but got caught. Although he swears the receipt was got a month before he gave Smith the order, look at the date of the receipt and the order for the gravel and you will find they are the same date. That is the size of the man who has been managing, or, I may say, mis-managing the Welland Canal for the last nine years. Can you credit a man who gives such evidence about a yard of gravel and \$1.50 worth of vegetables? That is the size of the man who threatened me through the press with an action for libel, and who put the amount of damages at \$10,000 for having expressed my opinion of his doings on the Welland Canal. What I said is proven beyond a doubt by the evidence, that these men should be dismissed from the public service. I must now say something with reference to this pamphlet of Mr. Rykert. He must have thought it required a great effort on his part to defend the canal officials. Why should they require any defence at all? Why was it necessary that they should