

is the item in the Auditor General's Report laid before Parliament last year: "Roger Miller, at \$5 a day for 412 days, \$2,060; less labor on house, \$89.50," but that was only a house of Reid's that he was occupying. The place where the work was done was the overseer's house. The Government furnished all the material and did the work, and yet the commissioner tries in this way to cover up that corrupt job. You may remember that this Roger Miller is the man who was speculating in rubber boots, and was hiding it from the Government. To show you what an important man this Roger Miller is, I may say that we paid him \$610 for horse hire that year. I must refer to the arrangement made by Mr. Ellis, on behalf of this country, with Roger Miller, for the repairs of that house. It really cost the country \$1,100, but in order to throw dust in the eyes of the public, the commissioner puts down the amount at \$500. This is the building where they found a swamp in the cellar, as I explained to this House, when they wanted to cover up a job. To my knowledge that house had been standing for forty-five years. It had a stone foundation, with a vault in it 9 by 10 feet. I wish to read the agreement put in by the superintendent of the Welland Canal in the evidence, and I do so because I do not expect that the evidence taken before the commissioner will be published, and I may not be back here next year—I have no lease of my life. I want the facts to go to the public, and I say that unless this evidence is published the people will not believe that there is nothing to hide in the management of the Welland Canal. What does the second report, which was published in the *Empire*, say? Even Mr. Wood has to admit that by proper management on the Welland Canal a saving of \$10,000 a year can be effected, besides \$10,000 that is now wasted. That is \$20,000 a year, and Mr. Ellis has been managing the Welland Canal for ten years. In that time the country has lost \$200,000 by Mr. Ellis' management, according to the commissioner's own showing. Are the people going to stand this loss in order that Mr. Ellis may lord it over the people on the Welland Canal? I mention this for the purpose of showing members of the Printing Committee that if they publish this evidence it will be money well

spent, because it will be a warning to evildoers hereafter. I may not be here next Session, or, if here, I may not speak on this subject again, because I do not want to be constantly urging on the Senate the importance of the proper management of the public works of Canada. Here is the contract for the work done on the overseer's house, as it was laid before the commissioner:—

"ST. CATHARINES, Friday, 4th Oct., 1889.

"The Commission met at 10 a.m.

"The Commissioner, at the request of Mr. McCullum, orders that the following documents be incorporated in the Reports:—

"SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, WELLAND CANAL,

"ST. CATHARINES, 30th Sept., 1889.

"A. F. WOOD, Esq.,

"Commissioner.

"DEAR SIR—I beg to hand you the memo. of agreement, &c., with Mr. Miller for the alterations on the house, Port Dalhousie. There was no written contract for the Martindale Creek bridge, but Messrs. Miller Bros. built the cribs of the bridge under a verbal agreement with me at 35 cents a foot, lineal, and the trusses of same at 30 cents, and the oak plank at \$40 per M. feet.

"Application will have to be made at Ottawa for the contract for building pontoons.

"I here hand you the book that contains the details of my annual requirements for expenditure on the canal for years 1886, 1887, 1888 and 1889.

"Yours obediently,

(Sgd) "WILLIAM ELLIS,

"Superintendent."

"WELLAND CANAL OFFICE,

"ST. CATHARINES, June, 1886.

"SPECIFICATION of works to be done in pulling down all requisite floors, partitions, stone-built safe, and other parts of the building used as Toll Collector's and Customs Office at Port Dalhousie, and also the adjoining old lock tender's house, and converting the two into one dwelling house in the manner described as follows, and also making certain improvements in Lock-tender Woodall's house adjoining.

"LOCK TENDER'S HOUSE (DEMARE'S).

"Remove floor of kitchen and rotten joists, take out mud and silt underneath down to a depth of 16 inches, refill with 10 inches of clay well packed down and cover all with 6 inches of water lime grout, the top surface to be levelled off smooth and inclined from each side towards the centre so as to make soakages to discharge into a drain that is to be built of 2 inch oak plank with opening 3 x 6 and laid to discharge into harbour 160 feet distant, and to prevent rotting of joists and floor, and make it more healthy; replace old joists with new ones 3 x 10 properly bridged, cover same with 1½ matched flooring, cut opening through stone wall between kitchen and vegetable cellar, and fill in same with door-frame and door, top panels of which shall be glass, remove old plaster from ceiling, and all loose or broken plaster from side walls and replace same with two coat work, the last of ceiling to be hard finish. Paint all woodwork 3 coats of lead paint—paper side walls.

"1st flat, Demare's House.

"Remove narrow enclosed stairs, and replace same with proper open stairs with turned balustrades and newel post and suitable handrail, remove old door frames and replace same with one containing side