

and placed the results before the public. The writer has repeatedly asked for such an inspection, under the authority of the Government, as a simple act of justice to himself; for he has from first to last, notwithstanding all that may have been said on the subject, most conscientiously endeavored to perform his whole duty in connection with the undertaking.

Fortunately the undersigned has in his possession several letters which were kindly sent to him by well known professional gentlemen, who had opportunities of examining the work in process of construction. These gentlemen have had the advantage of an extensive experience on engineering works, embracing Railways in Canada, New Brunswick, and the United States, in India, in Great Britain; also in France, Spain, and other countries. Their opinions are, in consequence, to be highly valued, and the writer most fully appreciates the kind feelings which prompted these gentlemen to favor him with their professional views and sympathies at a time when the latter appeared to be much needed, and in producing the letters for the first time, he takes the opportunity of sincerely thanking them.

The letters referred to were written some six or seven months since, when only a portion of the work now executed was completed; feeling the importance of having a thorough inspection made of the works as they now stand, the writer determined, lest the Government should fail to do so in time, to secure the services of an Engineer of the highest standing that could be found, and who never had the remotest connection with this Province. He placed himself in communication with several gentleman, and at last secured the professional services of Mr. George Lowe Reid, of Hamilton, in Canada, who has since visited this Province, examined