

IN HIS OWN DEFENCE.

the Report of the Special Committee Appointed to Inquire Into the Bridge Charges.

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ton. H. R. Emmerson's Speech in the Provincial House on pointed to investigate the bridge committee, but even ff Mr. Emmerson arges, said. I am sure that I can crave a had not stated this much, the measure ments and prices show that $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ments and prices show the fact that that measures what had you left? Had he any evidence whith respect to the construction of railway bridges by the bridges, as to their design, as to their design, as to their design, as to their construction of any of that whith The above one provide the p <text><text><text><text><text><text>

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whole business (applause), and he might also say it being true to life it is the most truthful part of anything he saw contain-ed in that. (Laughter.) You have that heralded and sent abroad through the country and strip from that speech and tear from the columns of that newspaper the letter of Mr. Johnson and that other testimony—which is not testi-mony—which was not before the com-mittee, eliminate that from that speech and what have you teft to sustain the charges which his honorable friend hald seen fit to try on the floors of this legi-should have cost 3j cents, that they did the same as this contry, and seen fit to try on the floors of this legi-should have cost 3j cents, that they would ask this contry and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people who read that newspaper, and would ask the people of those features, what had you left? Had he any widence with respect of the Nova Scotia bridges.

mittee. If honorable members would re-fer to the debates for the year 1898, they would find abundant proof of this state-ment, and they would find in a speech delivered by the ex-member for York, Mr. Pinder, that he stated that the cost was

counts were before the public accounts he had been informed by Mr. Haines there was material of iron which should be of steel. The only inspection received by the Hampton, bridges was the inspection made by an officer of the department, who drove a team loaded with stone out on the and watched the deflection. If that was the method which commended itself to the honorable leader of the opposition and those associated with him he (Emmerson) had only to say that he did not agree with him as to the proper course to be pursued with respect to the construction of steel bridges in this province. Viewing it in the light of the evidence it seemed to him (Emmerson) that the honorable leader of the opposition had brought these charges for the purpose of startling the people of this province, and in order to influence the people in the approaching dominion election. He seemed to think that if he could by some means discredit him (Emmerson) and the government which he had the honor to lead he would

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