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(This Cause is continued from Liber "G. E. No 1")

44th Int. Whilst you were a Director of the Company, what proportion of its coal was conveyed to market by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and why was that means of transportation adopted instead of the canal?

Answer. I should think full two thirds of it was brought by the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, if not more. This means of transportation was adopted in consequence of want of water in the canal and breaks in the dams on the Potomac river, which supplied the canal.

45th Int. At any time whilst you were a Director of the Company, could its entire property have been in your opinion sold for a sufficient sum of money to have paid and discharged its entire indebtedness?

Answer. No sir, I do not think it could.

46th Int. In presenting in the report of the Committee which visited the mines an estimate of the value of its assets, was such estimate based upon what the Committee supposed to be the cash value of the assets, or did they adopt the estimate made by the President or officers of the Company?

Answer. We took it for from the President's report, and from Mr. Henderson, who was superintendent at the mines, and supposed to be the best judge of its value.

47th Int. Were the expenses of conducting the business of the Company, while you were a Director, large or small in proportion to the amount of business done by it, state your views fully on that subject:

Answer. I think they were excessively large: for instance, the office expenses in New York was in the neighborhood of $20000, and that was too much; and the expenses at the mines were very large, with about $2500 a year to Mr. Henderson the Superintendent, and expense of horses at the mines, and for repairs appeared to be large; expenses at Alexandria and Baltimore were too large — and the expenses for keeping a lot of canal-boats, and scow boats, and schooners were too large: they ought to have been sold.

48th Int. What caused the expense of keeping those canal and scow boats, and schooners do you suppose?

Answer. Want of water in the canal. They were kept doing nothing with crews on board.

49th Int. During the time you were a member of the Board of Directors, did Judge Sherman, on behalf of himself and Dean, ever offer to the Board to re-convey the Hoffman property, and cancel the transportation contract, and if yea upon how many occasions, and what did he say.

Answer. Yes sir he offered to the Board several times to re-convey the property on being paid back what he gave for it. Also to me several times, individually, when I talked with