

missal for the reason that the contracts for all the masonry he had been superintending had been abandoned, leaving him therefore nothing to do on his division. I retained those who had been the longest upon, and were most familiar with the masonry in progress. When making the second reduction a superintendent of masonry then in service was put out to make way for Mr. Logan, who was again brought into service. The reason subsequently assigned to me by the President for this re-appointment was that Mr. Logan was a "political friend"—up to which time I knew not to which party that individual belonged, though he had been in the company's employ for several years. But since his last entering service, I have met with Mr. Logan's name in the public papers along with the names of other officers of the company, as a member of political committees, and on hand-bills addressed to naturalized and other voters, calling upon them to attend the polls in Allegany county.

Again—on the 12th of August last, without the usual nomination and recommendation from me as chief engineer, Jacob L. Schnebly was appointed a rodman—and at the next meeting of the Board, a quorum being present, which was in the following month, the third reduction of officers already spoken of, took place; the President then remarking, that there had been too many officers in service for three months or more. At this third reduction, competent and faithful rodmen of more than two years service were dismissed—and the inexperienced and newly appointed rodman of the preceding month was retained, to the prejudice of the company's interests.

The extracts from the proceedings of the Board appended to the President's report, are silent in respect to this appointment of Schnebly having been made on the 12th of August—but it appears from these extracts, that on the 16th of the following month, when the third reduction took place, the Board ordered "that from and after the 25th instant, &c., Benjamin F. Brannan and Jacob L. Schnebly should act as rodmen, &c." thus speaking of him in connection with Brannan, a rodman of several years service—while on that same day, as already remarked, experienced rodmen of long service were dismissed, but which does not appear in the extracts.

Again.—The case spoken of as the only one in which there was a removal on the unfinished canal, with a view to an ap-