

Answer to the 9th interrogatory.—The construction of the Canal has advanced too near its completion to admit of any change in its position, unless by diminishing its breadth, without incurring a very heavy cost, probably \$75,000.

Answer to the 10th interrogatory.—If the alteration of the position of the Canal were attempted for the purpose of permitting the construction of the Rail Road on its margin, the time which would probably be required, beyond that now required to complete it, could not be less than 4 to 6 months, during which time the entire distance of Canal from the head of the Harper's Ferry Falls, to Senaca, would be useless, and the Canal Company deprived of the benefits arising from its navigation for that length of time.

Answers to the 11th interrogatory.—As the Canal, in the above supposed alteration, is presumed to retain its full width, its utility to the public so far as its navigation is concerned, would suffer no detriment; but in the facility of approaching it for loading or unloading, and in its general accessibility for the purposes of receiving or depositing produce or merchandize, it would be much impeded. The Canal would also be less secure from danger or the hazard of breaches, which would further tend to impair its general utility, and the prolongation of the time necessary to repair these casualties in consequence of the proximity of the Rail Road, would also have the same tendency. The effect that the Rail Road would have upon its revenue, by subtracting from its tonnage, thereby diminishing the probability of its entire completion according to the original design, as well as the effect that this circumstance will have upon its public utility, I leave with the committee, well assured that this view can be taken more clearly by themselves.

Answer to the 12th Interrogatory.—I was frequently on the ground in question, during the progress of the examination under the commission from the Court of Chancery; I am familiar with the principal features and general circumstances connected with the survey, and am acquainted with both the independent and conjoint location. I have not in my possession either the surveys or estimates of that location, but have frequently and very lately seen them.

Answer to the 13th Interrogatory.—I have seen the Canal under construction from the Point of Rocks to Harper's Ferry, as it now is, for it has been so far executed under my orders and in conformity with my direction. It is not alte-