Hatton's recommendations had been followed. Mr. Hatton said that if his instructions had been carried out the dam never would have burst. President Bayless said:

"Mr. Hatton's recommendations were made with the idea of making repairs to the dam so that the water could be increased to a depth of 50 feet, or so that if it ever became necessary to fill it up the construction would stand the pressure. While we did not need 50 feet of water we had thought well to provide for it in case of emergency.

"This improvement was made by blasting out and removing a portion of the spillway, which was done in a manner to insure perfect safety. While certain repairs were made for the purpose we never attempted to carry 50 feet of water in the inclosure.

"We did not need that amount of water. Ordinarily we carried about 40 feet, which was sufficient to furnish us needed power.

"We are going to detail expert engineers to the scene at once, who will make a scientific investigation. I believe that will be the best way in which to ascertain just what did cause the wall to break.

"In the Summer time, during dry seasons, we kept a man at the gate constantly to regulate the amount of water and keep it at a height that was necessary. This man was not stationed there at the time of the accident as it was past the time that he had usually been employed in that capacity and it was not thought necessary to have him remain there."

TELLS OF WORK ON THE DAM.

Mr. Bayless Declares Engineer's Suggestions Were Followed in Repairs.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Oct. 2.—Replying to the statement made by T. Chalkey Hatton of New York, the expert engineer who was consulted by the Bayless Pulp and Paper Company in the construction of the dam at Austin, Penn., President G. C. Bayless indicated to-night that Mr.

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