

The Century Bridge

To end the year 2008, walking along the waterfront in Cachoeiro de Itapemirim, I came upon a fact of great relevance. I noted, with great admiration, that iron bridge had completed one hundred years in perfect condition. Don't know if, during this period, he received the appropriate conservation tract. I think not. I think the excellent quality of this "masterpiece" is that makes resist time. Its columns lifted from Riverbed, perfectly aligned with accuracy, were built with granite blocks "gold honey", composing as a jewel. Signaled already in those times the region's economic vocation for the exploration of one of our riches: the Granites in its soil and subsoil. Its structure of iron with vertical and diagonal columns in addition to its equilibrium bows at the top, everything installed, impress by millimeters accuracy. It' s a show!



Strategic, because it was the link between the then federal capital, Rio de Janeiro with our capital, Victoria. Served also for passenger transport by rail and drained for seaports our riches, such as: coffee, cement, cattle, etc. Was already back then, an exhibit of a real runner of exports and imports. That said, I should like to remind the public administrators who currently taking advantage of what remained of

railway structure that cuts our city could install a subway surface, interconnected with bus lines, offering a solution for transit "congested" and the population a transportation efficient and low cost. As you know, rail saves oil, non-renewable raw materials and reduces the amount of carbon monoxide emitted by vehicles in road transport, which both hit nature. Cachoeiro would be national reference as it was in other times: one of the first three cities of Brazil to inaugurate the electric energy; the first cement plant in South America with rotary kiln; plant tissues and others.

On the other hand, highlight that my idea above, should only be put into practice through a draft of which gives the conclusion of objective determining technical-economical-financial. It is advisable, in the case, the use of English, with the largest possible number of steps. This process avoids the possibility of a probable consequence of errors, small or large proportions. As an example of this method used a lot by them, the British, I quote the bridge itself that



was manufactured in England in steps and sent to Brazil in various parts to be assembled here. There is a plate located in one of the columns of the structure of iron bridge that informs us:



The high degree of English civilization, its fiber, perseverance, punctuality are from the balance between monarchy and democracy (parliamentarianism) which induce this people have pride and respect for authorities and vice versa. Well educated and healthy are "simple as dove and prudent like the serpent." The success of humanity, whether short or long term depends on the education and health care possible. The iron bridge built by the English in Cachoeiro de Itapemirim is a spectacle, today offers us great opportunities. Let's take advantage of them?

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