

"Sir Charles Tupper, if he had continued in the Government of this country, would have brought down a measure for the purpose to a certain extent of indemnifying these people for the money they had put into the undertaking."

In concluding the statement of his case, Mr. Provand says the Company rightfully looked on the acts and the statements of the Government as all-sufficient, and

"Trusted to them as implicitly as our investors are now trusting to Acts passed for the Grand Pacific Railway, in reliance on which they have recently supplied more than \$40,000,000 to build the line."

And further:

"The bonds and shares of the Chignecto Company were largely taken by financing houses, bankers, trust companies, and other investing firms. And, except in cases of death or settlement, they still hold them for the most part. The trust companies have many thousands of shareholders, and there is no doubt whatever (evidence of which came before me just previous to leaving London on the 21st of March) that many of these avoid Canadian securities, and will continue to do so as long as the Chignecto claim is unsettled. To what extent this abstention exists, it is impossible to estimate, but I am sure it is considerable. A fair settlement of the Company's claim would remove these objections to Canadian securities in their minds, and give a result of many times more value to the Government and to Canada than all the money that may be awarded us."

If there is no just cause why a fair and equitable settlement should not be made, The Journal suggests that the matter be closed without further delay. If there are reasons why this claim should be allowed to remain outstanding against the credit of the country, they ought to be made known.

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### A WRONG WHICH CONTINUES.

Years ago The Journal first commented and has since from time to time been commenting upon the claim to justice of the Chignecto Ship Railway Company. We have many times expressed the opinion that the shareholders had not been treated justly by Canada. Again, the representative of the Company is in Ottawa, urging the Government to come to some arrangement.