

turers and working-classes of England, who had just lent Canada £3,000,000 wherewith to build the railway:—

“He would venture to say for his brother commissioners as for himself that their only object was to build the cheapest and best road, and he would mention one item in which the determination they had come to would effect a large saving of expense—viz., by building their bridges of wood instead of iron. He thought their determination would generally be accepted as the correct one, **ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY REFLECTED THAT ITS END WOULD BE TO SUPPLY THE MATERIAL AND THE LABOUR, AND KEEP THE COST OF THESE IN THE COUNTRY, IN PLACE OF PAYING ENGLAND FOR ENGLISH PRODUCE TO THE LOSS OF THE ADVANTAGES THEY HAD THUS AGREED UPON RETAINING.**”—(Hear, hear.) N.B.—If proprietors would but carefully consider this statement, they must see that a Government which is so unjust to the labourers of England is not likely to be generous to the Grand Trunk Railway.

Other gentlemen who have known me for many years as one of the most active promoters of everything which could tend to the success of the Grand Trunk, have asked the question—“How I came to take up a position hostile to the present managers?” My answer, I hope, will be considered both satisfactory and conclusive. In the summer of 1867 I went to Canada, and, amongst other things, to prefer my claim for compensation in regard to the Intercolonial Railway, “but previous to my departure, Mr. Watkin informed me that it had been his intention to propose me as secretary to a commission which was about to proceed to Canada upon the business of the Grand Trunk.” After devoting some time to an exploration of the north-west territory, and examining and reporting upon a railway in the United States, I returned to Canada in the autumn of 1867, and made a thorough examination of the Grand Trunk, the result of which I at once committed to paper, for the purpose of comparison with the report of Captain Tyler and Mr. Eborall, which I knew would soon appear; and in the winter I wrote a letter to a gentle-