

I am happy that Mr. Lighthall has unmasked himself and makes himself out as the injured party, who has to complain of alleged frauds on the part of the Company. We shall, if you please, examine the behaviour of this professional gentleman towards our Company, he, the victim of misplaced confidence.

Now, Mr. Lighthall, you attack the Company and vilify it in your evidence under oath, stating that you purchased shares of this Company in the firm belief that it was incorporated, and that without such firm belief you would not have done so, and, moreover, accuse the Company of having made false statements.

Allow me, Mr. Lighthall, to ask you before the public, since you are our principal accuser, by what right you attack the officers of this Company, you who never have had any business dealings with any officers of this Company in any shape or manner? You begin your attack by threatening to oppose and cause our application for a Bill of incorporation to be thrown aside if we do not pay you; and following up your threats you make a sworn statement declaring that you have bought shares in this Company, believing it to be incorporated, when it is not so. When two witnesses emphatically declare that you, Mr. Lighthall, before purchasing any stock, called upon the Secretary of the Company to ascertain its organization, and that then and there it was told and explained to you how the Company had been organized, and that it was not incorporated, but that it was the intention to have it incorporated at the next session of Parliament.

And what is your subsequent answer to that?

Simply, that you do not remember. A weak answer surely to such a grave charge as that you make. And is it to be imagined that you, who are so punctilious, would purchase shares of a company without taking the trouble of inquiring about its organization and its standing, the more so when the Company is just formed; and if you did so, would you have the shadow of an excuse, suppos-