

had the courage to characterize the conduct of the men who hissed him as was deserved, and there is a dispute about the words he used.

In the afternoon the matter was discussed by the Board of Trade. A few of the members thought that the whole Board had been insulted, and made inflammatory speeches. Very many of the members of the Board of Trade conceived that they had a grievance against the judge, and one of the Halifax delegates, who is a very respectable man, spoke to the judge as he was descending to the ground floor of the court house from the court room that afternoon. Unfortunately this member of the Board in speaking to the judge used too strong language, and which he afterwards regretted. The judge at the time was going down the same stairs among solicitors, litigants and witnesses who were leaving the court house, and he pointed out to this member that he was holding a term of the Court, and that no person ought to use such insulting language to a judge in the court house. The member at once said: "I will go out on the street and repeat it," and followed the judge from the court house to the sidewalk where the language previously objected to was repeated. The judge then ordered the sheriff to arrest this gentleman. As soon as the full effect of the expressions used to the judge became apparent to the member in question, he himself regretted that he had used the objectionable words to the judge, and went and told him so. The incident then ended.

A committee of the Board of Trade was appointed to enquire into the matter, and their report was briefly that when Mr. Justice Meagher was leaving the court house the member in question had used language which the judge considered to be an insult, and the judge ordered his arrest, and that on apologizing the member was discharged. No comment was made upon the judge's conduct. The judge was placed in this position, that he was told on the staircase crowded with solicitors, litigants, witnesses, and officers of his court that the language used by him at noon was disgraceful, and his conduct was a disgrace to the city he came from, and he had to protect himself.

I cannot comprehend how the last paragraph of your editorial could have appeared in a legal journal: "The authorities in Ottawa should take notice of the matter, and prevent the occurrence of any such unseemly, and so far as the arrest was concerned,