

were stated to have been received with great satisfaction. The Canadians, who had been watching the proceedings with keen interest, declared that it was marvellous to see how completely he had drawn the "wool over the eyes" of a patient and confiding proprietary.

Armed with a letter from the Directors that the officials in Canada would be sustained against all attacks, Mr. Brydges returned to Canada and paid his first attentions to me, he then returned to Montreal to be feasted by his brother officials and Grand Trunk contractors, and called down the wildest cheers from his auditory by his allusion to the position in which his lieutenant, Gray, had placed me.

On the question of the International Bridge, the Corporation of Buffalo last winter came to a preliminary resolution to guarantee the cost of building this bridge, the charter for which was under the control of the Grand Trunk, the Managers of which forthwith proceeded to form an alliance with a corrupt clique in Buffalo, and afterwards went with a grand retinue from Montreal to that city, announcing on their way that they had secured the completion of the work; but the Corporation had in the meantime discovered the secret, and in their indignation unanimously refused to proceed further, without even waiting for the report of their own Finance Committee, to whom the question had been referred. The Corporation subsequently made the *amende* to its own Committee by rescinding their former resolution, and received the report of the Finance Committee, and at a later meeting formally rejected Mr. Brydges' proposals.

*Second.* After the comedy played before the Proprietors at the last October meeting, not unworthy of Gould, Fisk, and Co., the Directors began next to cry out, "Let us have peace; we have thrown a 'Jonah' overboard to appease you;" but the April meeting brought no peace. It saw one nominee of the Baring interest simply replaced by another, who, in his conduct of the proceedings, out-Heroded Herod. A resolution was moved and carried requesting Mr. Brydges to resign, and how was it treated? Why, the Chairman told you your motion would be disregarded—that, in fact, you may come by their invitation to attend the half-yearly meetings, you may complain of corruption and mismanagement which have been made manifest, you may move resolutions and carry them by overwhelming majorities of the Proprietors present, but they will all go for nothing, for he holds in his pockets sufficient proxies to overwhelm all independent action, and that "he