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The Russell Affair.

DAVID RUSSELL is out with a letter in Monday's Montreal Gazette in which he threatens to take action against those publications which have used his name in the same sense as Events did two weeks ago. For our part we invite the fullest enquiry. Mr. Russell has for years made the most shameless use of Dominion contractors, and it would be entirely in the public interest to have them one and all tell the truth on the witness stand. More than this Mr. Russell went to large merchants asking them to take stock in his company on condition that he procured orders for supplies to be paid for by one of the departments of government. In one case after the proprietor had refused to have anything to do with such a graft Mr. Russell went behind his back and induced the manager to hand over a few thousands, for which, by the way, the firm never got any adequate return. The state of affairs became so scandalous that an important deputation of members of the last parliament waited on Mr. Blair to protest, and

received a promise that the connection would be cut. Mr. Russell knows very well that any honest jury in Canada would catch him out of the court and just where he would land no one can at this moment tell, tho' the days are not many when the question will be answered.

Hon. A. G. Blair published on Tuesday, the 6th inst. a column denial of statements published in the Montreal and Toronto daily press. Here is Mr. Blair's description of the charges:—

I am referred to as not having been frank with the public as to the reason of my resignation of the chief commissioner-ship of the railway commission, with having conspired with two important railways and other parties to damage the government; with having plotted to make an attack upon the administration of the interior department; with having co-operated with others to expose scandals against the government on the eve of the election; with being privy to an arrangement whereby several of the government candidates in the province of Quebec, in consideration of \$10,000 each, were to withdraw from the