

all the workings of the mine, and it was only too evident that but a small portion of the 2,000 tons per month which were promised in their prospectus could be obtained notwithstanding all the expense they had been at in opening it up."

That is the statement of a gentleman who had just returned to England from Canada, and it is an additional proof of the character of this transaction.

One feature of this transaction is worthy of special mention. In the case of the Huntington mine, nominally owned by a Company, Mr. Huntington's plea is that he simply gave the information obtained from experts, and was not in any way responsible for its accuracy. It is known that this plea is a false one; that some of the statements made in the prospectus related to features concerning which Mr. Huntington had full knowledge, and the assertions in relation to which he knew to be untrue. But there is no excuse in the matter of these five thousand acres of land. HE KNEW THESE TO BE PRACTICALLY VALUELESS! HE KNEW THAT THEY WERE ON RECORD IN THE CROWN LANDS OFFICE AS WASTE LANDS! AND HE KNEW, MOREOVER, THAT SOME OF THEM HAD ACTUALLY BEEN SOLD AT ABOUT ONE CENT AN ACRE! AND YET HE, ACTING IN THE DOUBLE CAPACITY OF VENDOR AND TRUSTEE FOR THE PURCHASERS, DELIBERATELY PUT THEM INTO THE CONCERN AT NEARLY A QUARTER OF A MILLION OF DOLLARS IN EXCESS OF THEIR VALUE, WAS ABLE TO POCKET THE INFAMOUS PLUNDER THUS OBTAINED FROM UNSUSPECTING DUPES!

It is claimed by Mr. Huntington that in the case of the Copper Pyrites Company, the suit brought against him has been withdrawn, and that a letter of apology for anything which may have appeared to reflect upon his personal character, has been voted to him by the Directors of the Company. That was

his defence, delivered in his most sonorous tones, in the House of Commons last session. One wonders at the bold effrontery of a man who can put forward such a defence. It is true that the suit has been withdrawn; but it cost Mr. Huntington and his associates a pretty round penny to secure its withdrawal. MR. HUNTINGTON HIMSELF PAID FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ATTAIN THAT OBJECT. IT WAS ATTAINED BY THE ORIGINAL PROMOTERS BUYING IN THE SHARES AT THEIR REDUCED FIGURE, OBTAINING IN THAT WAY A CONTROLLING INTEREST, ELECTING THEIR OWN DIRECTORS, AND THEN WITHDRAWING, WITH A FLOURISH OF TRUMPETS, THE SUIT AGAINST THEMSELVES! It is true that any single shareholder could still take an action. But it is not surprising that no one has yet done this, for the reason that he would have to fight the battle with his own money against the Company, backed by the money of the shareholders.

The same game that was played, and so far successfully played in connection with the Copper Pyrites Company, is now attempted to be played with the Huntington Mining Company. Mr. Huntington evidently understands the game. He treats with the most magnificent indifference all suits brought against him, and simply watches and aids the manipulations by which the prosecution is bought off. In this case, as in the other, the original directors, although but victims of the falsehoods of Mr. Huntington and his immediate associates, are still in law liable, and they are naturally anxious to prevent any further prosecution of suits which must inevitably tend not only to their pecuniary loss, but to the lessening of the prestige which they originally enjoyed with their fellow countrymen. At the meeting to which we