

recited that the Company was organized with a paid-up capital of \$1,000,000, it was distinctly admitted before the Senate Committee that the pretended paid-up capital was represented solely by some undeveloped mining lot in Dakota Territory of the United States, for nine-tenths of which Mr. Dorion and Mr. Bickerdike, three weeks before the organization of the Company, gave \$15,000 to Mr. Matheney, who for his tenth was to get one-tenth of the stock of the Company. The facts had to be admitted, since the deeds disclosing them were fyled in the notarial offices of Mr. Hart and Mr. Doucet, bearing dates of March and April last, and Mr. Dorion and Mr. Doucet under oath have confessed to them. When Mr. Dorion has succeeded in getting the Quebec Legislature to reverse the decision of the Senate, it will be time enough to impute dishonourable motives to "certain Senators."

With regard to the question of fraud, it is still under investigation—in fact new investigations have already sprung up in consequence of a "little difficulty" among Mr. Dorion's own friends and *collaborateurs*, and in all probability the end is not yet. An impartial public, therefore, will soon have all the necessary material for forming a judgment, without any assistance from so disinterested a guide as Mr. Dorion.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. F. LIGHTAILL.

Montreal, April 8th, 1881.

THE SILVER PLUME MINING COMPANY.

To the Editor of the MONTREAL HERALD.

SIR,—I appeal to your courtesy and request the use of your columns a second time in reply to Mr. Lighthall, who has in your issue of yesterday commented upon the explanations I gave in the preceding one.