

preferring my claim for services and the return of money expended in the Intercolonial Railway, the Government refused even to entertain my application, and three of its members told me there was no hope for me in the present state of my relations with Mr. Brydges. The Grand Trunk Railway will benefit, and your firm have already benefited, very largely from the results of my labour and my expenditure. I never asked aid from your firm, nor received it from the Grand Trunk (although promised). I had every reason, therefore, to expect at least justice, if not generosity, at the hands of yourself and the Directors of the Grand Trunk Railway; but when I see it proclaimed to the world in the newspapers, and by Mr. Brydges at the Montreal banquet, that you and your co-Directors, by formal resolution dated the 23rd of November last, recorded your "unanimous belief in the honour, integrity, and ability of the Company's chief officers in Canada, and assured them they would be supported in all their proceedings," I think I am entitled to ask you if you meant thereby to approve the manner in which the Grand Trunk officials obtained and dealt with my letter marked PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL; with the conduct of Mr. Brydges in causing me to be served with an action for 10,000 dollars damages for libel, upon a confidential communication which I had made in good faith to him and Mr. Hickson, and which Mr. Brydges told me I was bound, as a friend, to have communicated to him; with the proceedings at the Toronto police-court, organised by Mr. Hickson, and conducted by the Grand Trunk solicitors; and with their conduct in sending the telegraph despatch of my arrest to the Associated Press of America; with the conduct of Mr. Brydges in causing me to be served with another action for 4,000 dollars for libel immediately on his return from London last December; with his attack upon me at the Montreal banquet, pending a criminal charge against me by his confidential agent, Thomas Gray, and which was manifestly intended to prevent my having a fair trial; with the conduct of Mr. Brydges in rewarding Gray, the prosecutor, with a contract of 10,000 dollars a few days after the trial, where Gray had been compelled to admit, on oath, that he had committed perjury in seven distinct instances, for the purpose of defeating a bill in Chancery which I had filed against him for the recovery of a large amount of property of mine in his hands; that he had embezzled my money, and advised others to do the same; that he had sent false telegrams to me, and advised others to do the same; that he had