

THAT NORWARD BUSINESS ROMANCE

through which the road ran, or of the rose-coloured expectations from the lumber and agricultural resources of the district. The reporter seemed to have received instructions that the amusing incident of the two citizens who had refused to risk their lives was not to be mentioned. And Mr. Charles Mandeville was in great glee when he took note of the omission, and finally made up his mind to carry out his intention of calling on one of these citizens, notwithstanding the uncertain opinion Miss Langton might entertain of the promoter's behaviour at Lac de l'Isle.

The reception which Mr. Amos Langton extended to Mr. Charles Mandeville in the afternoon was, as a Scotsman might say, somewhat to the north side of friendly. There was at least something in the broker's manner which denoted that he felt in no danger of losing anything by having the interview over and done with.

After the ordinary greeting, Mr. Mandeville expressed the hope that Mr. Langton was satisfied with the success of the celebration of the day before.