

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA,
Managing Director's Office,

Montreal, 22nd Dec , 1873.

DEAR SIR,

I received on my return from New York, your letter of the 18th inst., and your subsequent letter of the 19th, asking me to make a correction in the last clause of your letter.

I regret that you have entered into this correspondence and served the protests on me which you have done, as I am quite sure that this style of work will not tend to bring about that harmony which, as I have so often before said, I think ought to exist between this Company and your Steamship Line.

I shall, in the hope that that harmony will not be unduly disturbed, avoid, as far as possible, referring to many of the expressions in your letter which are not of a character likely to do much good.

With that remark, and regretting that your letter should contain many expressions which it does, I pass in silence what otherwise I might be disposed to refer to.

I have read the protests which you have served upon me, three in number, and find that they contain statements, put in, I suppose, by the zeal of the lawyers you employ, which are neither courteous, nor correct as matters of fact. It is probably inseparable from documents of this kind, that they should, like lawyers pleadings, contain statements and averments which are not capable of proof, and which are speedily disposed of when the matters are brought to the inexorable logic of facts and truth. I think it is quite likely that the lawyers I employed to answer your protest, adopted the style which they found had pervaded those you had served upon me.

In regard to the question of your averment that there is an existing agreement between us, that we were only to carry 150 car loads of freight a week to Portland, I can only simply again deny, in the most explicit terms, that any such agreement ever was made by this Company. You quote certain letters which passed between yourselves and Mr. P. S. Stevenson, this Company's Freight Agent; but you are, of course, perfectly