

"If I should be able to aid you to any material extent, I should want to know that the paper is to uphold British connection, to promote good feeling between the races and to be independent of party domination, going in for the betterment of our city as regards streets, better architecture, a better water system; conservation of our forests in the Province, better country roads, and laws to stamp out electoral corruption.

"Yours truly,
(Signed) "HUGH GRAHAM.

"L. J. Tarte, Esq.,
Montreal."

To this letter the said L. J. Tarte replied on the 4th day of December, 1907, as follows:—

"Montreal, 4th December, 1907.

"Dear Mr. Graham:—

"The statements will be prepared, and ready for your auditor.

"As to the policy, I am quite willing to enter into such an agreement.

"You will have to act quickly as our creditors are very insistent, and any hour someone might precipitate the final coup.

"Yours truly,
(Signed) "L. J. TARTE."

Whereupon Plaintiff instructed his representatives to look into the matter, being desirous of assisting Defendants if it were in any way possible to do so.

On the 24th day of December, 1907, the financial affairs of the Defendants having become exceedingly critical, the said L. J. Tarte wrote Plaintiff the following letter:—

"Montreal, December 24th, 1907.

"Dear Mr. Graham:—

"Our fate may be settled in a few hours. If you will read the Trust Deed, of which I send you copy, you will see the Bondholders may walk in, take possession, and advertise the whole thing by auction. A private settlement will then be impossible, because illegal.

"Both my brothers and myself may be on the street any moment. Surely there is some relief somewhere, if we knew where.

"Mr. Graham, you yourself can save the situation with \$200,000, and you will live to say there was more satisfaction in that investment than any you ever made. La Patrie may fall into bad hands. You will all say it is a pity, when it is too late.

"Yours truly,
(Signed) "L. J. TARTE."

In view of the representations made by Defendants and upon their urgent solicitations and request, Plaintiff agreed to endeavor