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*(An Associated Press despatch published generally by the newspapers in the United States and Canada.)*

“ WASHINGTON, 29th February, 1884.

“ The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics pronounces Mr. Lowe's testimony before the Canadian Parliament Committee, that the emigration statistics from Canada to the States are manufactured, as (1) false and scandalous. He says Mr. Lowe has put forth similar outrageous statements every year for the last four years, and the Collectors of Customs along the frontier have, time and again, proved them to be (2) malicious falsehoods.”

*(Notes on the above statement authorized by Mr. Nimmo.)*

1. The statement in this telegram is simply given as exhibiting the method of reply to specific criticisms. One cannot, of course, meet a method of this kind with any argument. It may be gratifying to the feelings to exhibit one's critic in all the newspapers of the United States and Canada as a fabricator of slander and falsehood ; but an attempt, at least, to meet the specific facts alleged, would have been something having far more claims to one's respect.

2. If the Collectors of Customs along the frontier “ have time and again proved ” these reports to be “ malicious falsehoods,” it would have been more to the purpose to have let one see the proofs than to publish broadcast in the press of two countries simple and gross abuse.

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