

mend Parliament to give the guarantee upon the basis of the Treasury minute of 1863, and which was substantially adopted by the Treasury minute and legislation of 1867.

In the summer of 1867 I went out to Canada, in expectation of receiving the reward of my long and arduous services, and whilst waiting there I made an examination of the Grand Trunk Railway, and in the winter of that year I wrote a letter to a gentleman in London, which I marked PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL, showing how, in the matter of contracts for stores, a sum of £60,000 a year could be saved to the Grand Trunk Railway in Canada. That letter was laid hold of surreptitiously by the Grand Trunk officials in London, and transmitted to Mr. Brydges, in Canada, in the month of May, 1868. On my going to Montreal during that month, for the purpose of communicating to Mr. Brydges some information important for him to know, he produced my PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL letter, and charged me with having got up the opposition to him in England, which had so nearly deprived him of office. This charge, as can be demonstrated by the general body of proprietors, was utterly untrue, and I told him so. Mr. Brydges, however, caused me to be served with action for 10,000 dollars damages for libel on the following day upon my confidential communication to him, and forthwith took every other proceeding in his power to ruin me. Nay, to such an extent was it carried after his return to Canada from the October meeting, that the indignation of the whole country was aroused, and General Sir Charles Windham, Commander of the Forces, and Mr. Hugh Allen, who had taken part in the banquet given to Mr. Brydges in Montreal last December, wrote to me to say that they did not sympathise with, nor had they taken any part in cheering Mr. Brydges' attack upon me, when he referred to the criminal charge then pending against me at the suit of a Grand Trunk official, as his answer to my pamphlet.

All the public attacks and proceedings of Mr. Brydges and the other Grand Trunk officials and contractors came to an ignominious end, and on reference to the judicial proceedings it will be seen that it is to my forbearance that some of the parties are not now undergoing a long term of imprisonment for conspiracy, fraud, and perjury.

Mr. Brydges was not content with the proceedings which had caused me infinite pain and anxiety, and the loss of £3,000, but he further used every influence in his power to perjure the Government of Canada against me; so that on