

was led to believe that they were not original with him, and made it my business to call upon his master, the Colonel; at a house adjoining that in which I put up for the night. I introduced myself and the following questions were put to me by the Colonel:—"Is there any late news from Red River?" "When did you leave?" "What do you think of the state of things there?" "Anything you say to give me information will be confidential." The first two I answered shortly, the latter I went into as fully as I could, but was interrupted several times by De Salaberry saying, "what could the Governor expect?" "He treated those people very roughly and very unbecomingly when they called upon him at Pembina." "He also spoke harshly to them at the Hudson Bay Company's post and would not even condescend to speak to the men who bore the message from Riel to himself." "He on other occasions called those French half-breeds a set of scoundrels, villains, robbers and such names." "Could he think or expect men to submit quietly to such epithets?"

I at this point said, "Sir, you are mistaken and I am in a position to prove you are. I was present when the half-breeds delivered the letter to the Hon. Wm. McDougall in the Custom House, at Pembina, and also when the party arrived at the Company's post to drive the Governor across the line. I heard those men when they delivered the message there, and there was no such language used on either occasion. On the contrary, he treated both parties very civilly, and gave them pork, sugar, tea, &c., for their supper and breakfast, and farther, Sir, I can show you in my memorandum book, every word that was spoken by the Governor and also by the half-breeds through an interpreter, taken down by myself at the time." "Now where did you get your information?" He answered, "In the newspapers." "Yes," said I, "in the *Globe*, I fancy." Said he, "in other papers as well, and also from private parties." "But did you never hear anything at Fort Garry of him" (McD.) "having cheated the Indians out of their lands?" I said, "No, the first I heard of that was what I read in the *Globe*." "Well," said the Colonel, "Brown is a great friend of McDougall is he not?" I laughed, and said, "I thought not, but had it not been for Brown and Howe, assisted by the Hudson Bay Company giving the Yankees in Fort Garry and on the lines, a lever to take advantage of, we should have had no such trouble as there has been in the settle-