

Weary and in ill-health from the treatment to which I had been subjected during the last six weeks, I went home to Cleveland to spend a few days during Christmas, and whilst there read a report of the banquet given to Brydges in Montreal on the 22nd of December, when, after speaking about "Peace on earth and good will towards men," and "God's truth," and "English fair play," he triumphantly pointed to Gray's charge as his, Brydges', answer to my pamphlet.

"Mr. Mayor, I do not wish, upon an occasion like the present, to cast reflections upon any one, and I really feel that I should be able to get on a great deal better if somebody would contradict me. (Cheers and laughter.) It is excessively embarrassing to feel that your audience is so entirely with you; it is, as it were, wasting powder in demolishing unseen enemies. But I cannot, although I do not desire to say a word which would in any way appear to be unkind or ungenerous, forbear to state the fact that one of those men who, I admit, disdaining the anonymous pen, placed his name to a pamphlet which was circulated a fortnight after I had left this country, but which, to my knowledge, was in print two months before I set sail, and whose author dare not bring it forward whilst I was here to answer it. I say I do not think it is wrong for me to say that the very paper in Western Canada, an influential paper, which used that pamphlet when my back was turned as a means of injuring me with my constituents, has had within the last few days to spread before its readers, in its own columns, statements made on oath before the Police Magistrate at Toronto, charging the author of the pamphlet with obtaining money under false pretences. (Loud cheers.)" — *Extract from an Official Report of Mr. Brydges' Speech delivered at the Montreal Banquet, 22nd Dec. 1868.*

To the astonishment of those unacquainted with Grand Trunk proceedings, the magistrate, on the 5th of January, decided to send Gray's charge against me for trial at the assizes; and on the following day the chief organ of the Grand Trunk Railway in Canada commented on the case as follows:—

"THE IMPEACHER IMPEACHED.

"How are the mighty fallen!" Mr. Joseph Nelson, the compiler of a pamphlet, published in full in the columns of a contemporary, filled with villainous charges against the Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway Company and a number of the officials, was yesterday found guilty by the police magistrate of intent to defraud. The impeacher stands himself impeached. The man who made reckless assertions of fraud and corruption against his betters is declared by one of our judges to have committed an act which must exclude him from all decent society, if there is any rich still left him. The matter, as we understand it, is briefly this:—Mr. Thomas Gray purchased a cargo of coal from this Mr. Joseph Nelson, worth, as subsequently appeared,