

The following reply to the attack in the *Leader* of the 13th May, appeared in the *Globe* of the next day :

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*To the Editor of the GLOBE.*

SIR,—I was invited to deliver last winter, an introductory course of lectures upon Civil Engineering, before the University of McGill College at Montreal ; in doing which I took occasion to utter some wholesome, but, possibly to some parties, distasteful truths. It so happened that a short time after the last lecture had been delivered, the President of the Grand Trunk Company thought proper to drag my name before the Legislative Council and the country, as an Engineer who had been once thought of, as one of the parties to be appointed to examine the Grand Trunk Railway, but who, having been weighed in the balance—of an account due by that Company—had been found wanting. I am free to confess that the fact of my ever having had any pecuniary transactions with that Company, was in itself suspicious ; I therefore felt it due to my own character fully to explain the whole affair, and at the same time to prove that there were other reasons, besides the discreditable one imputed to me by the President, why I had been rejected. Some extracts from these lectures—supposed to be applicable to the times—as well as my explanations were published in the *Montreal Herald* of last week, and it appears the latter at least have attracted the notice of the parties concerned, so that I have been honored with something over a column of mingled advice and abuse by one of the literary bravos, whose obedient steel is plunged in—ink, at the beck of the railway magnates, who have seized upon this unfortunate country and afflicted it with the "*Toronto Leader*." The combined efforts of the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works the President and Chief Engineer of