

and destroyed, through the agency of means and influences, emanating from such a source, without at least making an effort to prevent it ? To me the idea is preposterous.

In the legitimate pursuit of this one and only object, I shall not pause, at the present time, to consider the probable motives which governed Mr. Light's proceedings ; nor the influences which may have been brought to bear upon him, by other parties, in order to induce him to prostitute his high position, and to degrade the honorable Profession, of which he claims to be a member, merely for the purpose of bringing obloquy and discredit upon so humble an individual as myself.

Neither shall I be diverted from my purpose ; nor submit to be driven from my true position, as Defendant in the case, through the base instrumentality of slanderous editorials, promulgated through an unscrupulous and toadying press.

Referring again, therefore, to the early history of Mr. Light's advent upon the North Shore Railway, it is proper to state ; that after his second effort to describe the character of the work upon the road ; both the Provincial Government and the Corporation of the City of Quebec, refused to make any further advances to the Railway Company, until these glaring defects in the construction of the road had been rectified ; and it therefore became imperative that a standard should be decided upon at once, which would meet the requirements of the Government, and be acceptable to the Company and the Contractor. The Government and City Engineers were accordingly called upon to furnish this standard.

Mr. Light now found himself in something like the posi-