

on the ground that it threatens to become a competitor of the Grand Trunk, should seek to prevent the birth of this competitor is very natural. That to kill the North-west Company would help to kill the Pacific Railway is plain. That attacks on it, and on the whole North-west territory in the lofty, disinterested and virtuous tone assumed by the *Review*, might tend to damage all three in England might fairly be hoped. That under these circumstances such attacks should be begun is only natural. That to bring these attacks before the eyes of Canadian investors might frighten them out of the investment into which they had entered, and help to destroy an important support of the Pacific Railway, is a thought which would instantly suggest itself to Grand Trunk magnates. And that so thinking, they should hasten to buy the papers and send them to Canada, is only what might be expected to follow. Is it not the Grand Trunk that has sent these papers to Canada and so caused them to be distributed? But how have they happened to suit it so admirably? Is it really possible that our "Seeker after Truth" has hit upon everything without inspiration, or encouragement? Is it even possible that close friends—like the Grand Trunk Railway and the *Money Market Review*—could fail to have a word with one another when the interests of one were in such imminent danger, and it was in the power of the other to serve it so effectually? Does it not look very much as if the "Seeker after Truth" had been inspired in his search by what he himself regards as one of the parties in a strife, and has been really acting as its organ? "No man is bound to prove himself innocent." We would not for a moment think of asking the *Review* to do so. But should it desire—as we cannot for a moment doubt that it does—to appear like Cæsar's wife above suspicion, it seems at least bound to prove that the distribution in Canada "free, gratis for nothing" of its issues of December 23rd, and 30th, was an act of pure philanthropy on its part, and one in which the Grand Trunk had no share. We wait in interested curiosity for receipt of another "free gratis" copy containing such proof.