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Atholstan-Tarte Law Suit

CANADA
Province of Quebec,
District of Montreal.
No. 3866

SUPERIOR COURT

LORD ATHOLSTAN

Plaintiff.

—vs.—

LOUIS JOSEPH TARTE, et al,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFF'S DECLARATION

(Extract from Official Court Records:)

On the 5th day of November, 1907, Plaintiff was approached by Defendants who solicited Plaintiff's financial aid to help them out of their difficulties and in connection therewith one of the Defendants, L. J. Tarte, wrote Plaintiff as follows:—

"Montreal, 5th November, 1907.

"Dear Mr. Graham:—

"I want to confide to you some serious matters, knowing that you, as an experienced man, will, at least sympathize with us.

"Our building has landed us in financial troubles. We started with it on promise that an insurance company would finance it, but we learned, too late, that the company was indisposed to make advances until the building was completed.

"This disappointment has kept us in hot water for the past year. The time of myself and brother, instead of being devoted to the development of the business, has been taken up with money worries, to the injury of the business; and to add to our troubles, the life and spirit has simply been crushed out of our poor father, who feels the state of affairs most keenly.

"If you could see your way to help, and to get some of your friends to aid, you could pull us through easily. Our books are open for your inspection at any time.

"Yours truly,

(Signed) "L. J. TARTE."

On the 8th day of November, 1907, Plaintiff replied as follows:—

"Montreal, 8th November, 1907.

"Dear Mr. Tarte:—

"I am extremely sorry to hear of your difficulties. Don't be discouraged by them. Troubles of the kind are essential to success. I know of no successful paper that has not had just the kind of experience you are having. The Star had to contend with more serious worries because it never had any capital, and became immersed in debt when its circulation