that I was the aggrieved, and not the aggressor; but, even under the provocation offered me, I regret that I yielded to an impulse which is not unusual, when language is made use of, such as Sir Francis applied to me at the last meeting, and which was repeated by his echo, Mr. Bannatyne. I expected, however, that Sir Francis—to use a phrase which he has made historic—would have known better—"at his time of life."

A friendly hint, and I have done, leaving the lawyers to deal with the directors. I feel sure it would add much to the happiness of Sir Francis if he would retire altogether from the chairmanship of the *Graphic* company, which, with the aid of other directors, he has so long mismanaged; and I am sure it would also add much to the well-being of the shareholders if he would retire to that classic and appropriately named suburb, where he has built himself a villa, and there devote his remaining leisure to the study of that great Constitutional question with which he has, *ad nauseam*, recently drenched the daily journals with endless lucubrations. The classic region to which I refer is, figuratively speaking, that from which, judging from his early politics and his later manners, Sir Francis must have originally emerged—the Faubourg St. Antoine.

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Montreal, May 16, 1878.

To the Editor of the GAZETTE.

SIR,

I, with many other shareholders of stocks in this city and elsewhere, cannot but feel grateful to Mr. Prentice and other gentlemen for the independent and manly position they have taken in exposing the doings of the *Graphic* President and Directors. If other gentlemen who are interested in bank and other stocks would take the same stand at the meetings, we should have less manipulations of directors and their friends out of the funds of their victimized shareholders, who, in many cases, look on quietly, instead of having light thrown on their doings.

A SHAREHOLDER.

MONTREAL, 17th May, 1878.