

matters. I believe that Mr. Nelson intended this coal for the department of Public Works.

"I now express my regret that such misunderstanding arose, and that the charge was made against Mr. Nelson.

"E GULAGER.

"Witness—A. W. LAUDER, Attorney for S. Bonnell."

Mr. Lauder is the Toronto Solicitor of the Grand Trunk, and agent of Mr. John Bell, the Solicitor of the Grand Trunk Railway at Bellville. Mr. Bell accompanied Mr. Lauder to the police-court; but their purpose for the time had been served, for they had caused my arrest to be telegraphed to every newspaper in Canada and the United States. The following is a copy of the telegram :—

"TORONTO, Nov. 19.

"A man named Joseph Nelson, who lately obtained considerable notoriety by bringing extraordinary charges against Mr. Brydges, Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, was arrested here at the instance of parties from New York, on a charge of fraudulently representing himself as agent of the Canadian Government, and obtaining a large quantity of coal."*

This proceeding was no sooner ended than Mr. Bell, the other solicitor of the Grand Trunk Railway, announced that he was instructed to file a criminal information against me for libel, but this was abandoned in favour of the following:—The man Gray, then under the judgment of the Court of Chancery, swore an information against me that I had obtained the return of one of my own cargoes of coal from him by fraud, and I was again arrested on a warrant and taken to the police-office, but again released upon my personal recognisance. This charge was, through various pretexts, kept before the court for more than six weeks, Gray attempting to sustain it by the vilest perjury on the part of himself and his witnesses. At a time when every one was expecting to hear the magistrate stop the case, Brydges came to Toronto, saw Gray and others, and then he, Brydges, caused me to be served with another writ at the suit of the Storekeeper for 4,000 dollars damages for libel, and then returned to Montreal. On the 19th of December the evidence in Gray's case was closed, and the magistrate announced that he would give his decision on a future day.

* "They little thought that day of pain,
When launched as on the lightning's flash,
They bade me to destruction dash,
That one day I should come again."—*Mazepa*.