

tainly did not take his horse out until the following morning. The witness (Cotton) proved this. He got up in the morning at 4 o'clock; called Mr. Hodge down stairs preparatory to going to the city. Notwithstanding the fact that everything had been done to disprove the statements of Mr. Hodge, all that had been elicited tended to confirm them. This Mr. Stewart had tracked him like a sleuth-hound. He had been in Sangcen, Springfield, Blenheim and Montreal. Why, this Company—which had not probably a paid-up capital of twenty times the amount of this claim—this foreign English Company, that considered that they were favouring us poor colonists by establishing an agency here—this Company, he said, trumped up a charge of fraud; and how had they sustained it? The jury had the evidence before them. Now, Mr. McMaster, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Howland, and Mr. William Ross, the directors, were good and honorable men, and gentlemen for whom he (Mr. Cameron) entertained high respect; but as Insurance directors, defending an action, he had no faith in them although they professed not to be interested. The defendants came here provided with acids, all ready to prove that the plate was spurious. Dry goods merchants were placed in the box to tell the jury that when they bought linen three yards wide, it was in fact only two and a half. How this could be, he (Mr. Cameron) could not understand. It was in evidence that the greater portion of the plate had been presented to Mrs. Hodge on the occasion of her marriage, and it was quite plain, if it were not genuine, it had been sold to the persons who made the presentations as genuine articles. It was well known to every gentleman in the jury box, that this Insurance Company have done everything in their power to evade the payment of this just and lawful claim. He (Mr. Cameron) had every confidence, however, that they would not only give a verdict for his client for the award claimed, £1,000, without almost leaving the box, but would at the same time, if they thought proper, give this Insurance Company a vote of censure for the manner in which they had acted in refusing to pay so just and honourable a claim. He did not see that he could add anything further to the remarks he had already made, and he had every confidence in leaving the case in the hands of the jury.

The LEARNED JUDGE.—I feel that I am unable to comment on this case.

(His Lordship was unable to proceed any further with his charge to the jury, being much grieved at receiving a short time before the melancholy intelligence that his brother-in-law (Judge Campbell of Niagara) suddenly expired the same afternoon.)

Hon. J. H. Cameron.—My Lord, the Counsel for the defendants and myself being well aware of the sad bereavement you have sustained this afternoon, beg to state that we are willing that the

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