

ny neither authorized nor had any knowledge of the sending of this message, and I may add that so far from it emanating from a prominent supporter of the Grand Trunk, I have very good reason for saying it came from a warm friend of the Canadian Pacific, and one who has taken an active part in opposing the carrying out of the arrangement made by this Company with the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway Coy.

The point is important in the interest of truth and because the message, read as coming from a source friendly to the Canadian Pacific Coy, is intelligible and evidences that the views which I have heretofore ventured to express to you are entertained by both parties as to the damage done to all Canadian investments by the diversion of funds granted for a great public work to the building up of undertakings in no sense needful to its success, and which should either stand or fall on their own merits.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obdt. servt,

J. HICKSON,

*General Manager.*

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY CO. OF CANADA.

*General Manager's Office,*

Montreal, Feb. 18th, 1884.

To James Beaty, Q. C., Robert Hay, and John Small,  
Esquires, Members representing Toronto in the  
Dominion House of Commons.

*Gentlemen,*

I notice that Mr. E. B. Osler has addressed you in very energetic terms as to your duties in connection with the proposed further advance by the Government of \$30,000, 000, to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and that he accuses the people of "old Canada and especially of Ontario," of