

and virtuous should be seated. What justice can be expected from such a man? Shame—Shame.—This is a sore evil.

As this scurrilous uncalled for Pamphlet was introduced into this work, it must be examined into, and a few of the leading points briefly touched upon. They are as follows—in the writer's wisdom—The system of Trade exercised by those Honorable Gentlemen, under the well known firm of Messrs. Charles Robin & Co.

They are charged with oppressive conduct to their dealers—this I deny; and challenge the writer to name one solitary act or deed, anything bordering on such an accusation? Nothing would be more keenly and sorely felt than that the Messrs. Robins should refuse, or withhold, the necessary supplies for the Fishery. Search the whole district through, and you will not find one man whose word is worth depending upon, but would scout at the idea of what this precious author alleges against the doings of this house.

There is not a more unexceptionable Trading Firm in British North America, for uprightness, strictness, punctuality, and every honorable transaction in mercantile affairs; either in the purchase of the produce of the district or in the sale and disposal of their merchandize, than this old established firm. Too firmly seated and rooted to be even shook by such vile calumnies as this book discloses. The whole is a tissue of compound lies, false-hoods, and mis-statements, such as could only emanate from some disappointed would-be Politician or time server. The decline of this house, whether caused by themselves to withdraw from business or from whatever cause, would be a heavy calamity to the Inhabitants. One thing is certain—Bankruptcy will never happen. Query why? I answer—because they do not deal on a fictitious capital—it is their own! If they find it a losing or unprofitable business they may possibly decline, or curtail their Trade. “They cast their bread upon the waters.” And it is fortunate for the county they do—it is by them that the greater part of the population, live, breath, and keep moving. They are the sheet anchor of the district. (1)

(1) There are a number of other trading firms in the district of equal respectability and wealth, so far as their business extends with the Messrs. Robins', but they are off-shoots, branches or sprouts from the parent stock. The proprietors and managers