

the true condition, corruption, and gross mismanagement of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Shortly after its publication some of the officials addressed a threatening letter to the proprietors of the *Globe*, alleging that some of the statements contained in the pamphlet were libellous, but they did not venture to proceed further although challenged to do so, but they forthwith resorted to proceedings against myself of a character unparalleled.

A few weeks previously I had been applied to by a man named Gray to sell coal for me in Canada, and I consented that he should do so, and forthwith proceeded to send him seven cargoes of the aggregate value of £2,000; I also sent him £350, wherewith to pay a portion of the freight. Gray not only embezzled the money sent, but refused to give up the coal or render me any account. I at once discovered from Gray's statements that I had fallen into a trap, for I ascertained that Gray was in the secret service of the Grand Trunk, and had been for some years. I at once applied to the Court of Chancery, and obtained an injunction against Gray restraining him from further dealing with my property, and also an order from the Chancellor, requiring him to pay over the money in hand or stand committed. I had no sooner obtained this than Hickson, the Treasurer of the Grand Trunk, and Wainwright Brydges, Secretary, came to Toronto, had a meeting with Gray, and a few days afterwards the Grand Trunk Solicitor caused me to be arrested upon a warrant charging me with fraud towards a Mr. Bonnell. The information upon which the warrant was granted was a concoction of the vilest perjury, and within three days the Grand Trunk Solicitor—to avoid the consequences of an indictment for conspiracy and malicious arrest—was compelled to read in open court a written apology to me for the outrage which had been committed. The following is a copy of the apology:—

“TORONTO, Nov. 20, 1868.

“*Re* BONNELL AND NELSON.

“After making due enquiry into the circumstances connected with the purchase of coal by Mr. Joseph Nelson from Mr. Samuel Bonnell, jun., of New York, and which was the subject of a charge preferred against Mr. Nelson in the Toronto Police Court on the 18th day of November, instant; I, as the agent of Mr. Bonnell, am satisfied that Mr. Nelson acted in good faith, and was not in any way open to any imputation or charge of fraud in respect of such transaction.

“And I now, in the fullest and amplest manner, withdraw the charge which has been made against Mr. Nelson, and which never would have been made if I had properly understood the position of