

Having been virulently assailed in the editorial columns of the *Toronto Leader*—the paid mouth-piece of a clique of Railway practitioners, who affect to despise everything Canadian—except our debentures—I submit, as the best answer to this attempt to blacken my personal and professional character in the Capital City of my native Province—and amongst many old friends and school-fellows,—the articles from the *Montreal Herald* which have called forth this labored, malignant, but pointless Grand Trunk denunciation.

That the publications which the *Leader* so flimsily professes to despise, have been keenly felt, is evident from the sharp cry of the wounded plotters through the columns of their organ. The *Leader*, with more shrewdness than honesty, labors to insinuate that my reply to the assaults of the Railway jobbers, is dictated by disappointed ambition. It is only necessary to refer to the fact, that I did not seek anything at the hands of the Government, but that the proposition came from them; moreover, as I never anticipated any other result than that which has taken place, the correspondence in the *Herald* which has given so much offence, would not have appeared at all, had not the same gentleman who has shewn so much discretion in publishing Mr. Brassey's letter, unnece-