

what I was told by a member of that assembly, whose recollection must have failed him, or perhaps he was one of those members, of whom we have too many, who neglect their duty to their constituents, by not attending the sittings at all,* or very seldom, and know little of the proceedings but what they glean from the meagre reports, that have hitherto been published in the newspapers † The rest of what I wrote you, is the truth, with the exception, that no bill, I find, was laid before the Grand Jury, against Mr. Gerrard, the prosecution not having been persevered in by Mr. Stuart, no doubt for reasons which he is better acquainted with, than we are. But although,

Latere semper patere, quod latent diu; ‡

“deeds that have long been hidden, often seem to the perpetrators as if they were for ever concealed,”

delay is not always defeat. The representatives of the credit-

* *Citizens of Montreal! I trust that, at your next election, you will recollect that one of your present representatives, Thomas Thain, Esquire, has never once, as yet, attended his duty in the assembly. It is, however, probable that at the ensuing session, as the Scotch faction will require all their forces mustered, and as that gentleman is the nephew of their chief, the Hon. John Richardson, he may make his appearance there. I am rather amused to think how Mr. Thain will extricate himself from the horns of this dilemma, on which I have stuck him — If he goes to the assembly, it will be said that he has done so, because I have reprimanded him for the neglect of his duty; an admission he would be very sorry to make; and if he does not, he will both betray his own party, and confirm the public in the conviction they must feel of his being a very improper person to represent them.*

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† *It is very much to be wished that sufficient encouragement may now be given to the proposition made public some time ago, for publishing regular reports of the debates of the provincial legislature. I am afraid, however, that Mr. W. S. Simpson, of Quebec, who made that proposal, and who, I can bear witness, from experience, is a very accurate reporter, is not in a situation to follow it up. The principal objection is that there would be no sale for such reports, if published by themselves, inasmuch as the newspapers would, of course, copy them; but I think it might be made worth the while of a regular reporter, for all the Canada papers, to combine to pay him a certain sum each, per annum, for his simultaneous transmission to them, of his reports: I would for one, willingly contribute my quota, as editor of the Free Press.*

L. L. M.

‡ *SENECA, (Edip. Trag.*