

The Forget-Dansereau Controversy

The recent rather serious dispute between Hon. Senator Forget and Mr. Arthur Dansereau, of "La Presse", having given rise to much discussion in English-speaking circles, within the last few days, we believe that the following documents, which cover the whole ground, will prove interesting for the public : —

MR. DANSEREAU'S LETTER

To the Honorable L. J. Forget,

Senator.

Sir,

For some days past, I have furnished you an opportunity to reconsider your explanations of Sept. 23, by refusing, as professedly as I possibly could, to admit their accuracy. However, every one pilots his own ship as he thinks best, and you considered yours sufficiently well anchored in the current of millions to have nothing to fear from the powerless land-breeze. Perhaps you never thought of the wind of retribution. I know not whether I am now bringing such wind to you; I do not wish it to be so, but still I feel that my message will not constitute a security for you.

You are the one who crowned the insults offered me by your journal, with the greatest of all insults: a charge of lying, over your own signature. It is painful for me to have to reverse the parts, in self-defence, and to nail you for ever to one of the greatest impostures in the world.

I come to prove you : 1o. That you painfully deceived me in 1885 ; 2o. That although your memory may not be able to follow all the guiles of your purse, you are still possessed of such a subtlety of stratagems that the manner of deceiving is, so to speak, immaterial to you.

I can now more clearly understand the desertion so surely brought around you by the scorn of customers, for a man who has lost the sacred sense of truth, is no longer in a position to loyally meet and treat his fellow-beings.

On Sept. 19, you wrote me through the press as follows :

"I am still at a loss to know why our banking-house is the subject of your attacks. We have surely done you nothing but good. You remember having several times done "stock-jobbing" at my office and never having deposited any margin. NEVER, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, DID YOU SUS-