

FURTHER HISTORICAL FACTS.

Having thus stated, as briefly as possible, the case of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, as presented by themselves, it may be well, before proceeding further, to call attention to some *historical facts* which are not mentioned in Mr. Potter's Petition.

It is very well known that, during the past four years, no effort has been spared by the Grand Trunk interest, either in Canada or in Europe, to throw discredit and ridicule upon the efforts that were being made by the Government, the municipalities, and the people of this Province, to secure the construction of the North Shore Line. Whenever the securities of this line have been offered abroad, the representatives of the Grand Trunk interest there, have made it their special business to discredit them, and thus prevent their negotiation and sale.

With an array of "upwards of ten thousand five hundred individuals, comprised not only of many Peers of Parliament, and Members of the House of Commons; but Bankers, Merchants, Lawyers, Brokers, Tradesmen, Clergymen and Widows, resident not only in London, but in almost every considerable City and Town in England and Scotland," as stated in the Petition, this task has been comparatively easy; and it finally became necessary only to procure the insertion of a few disparaging sentences, either in the *London Times*, (which was probably also in the ring), or in some other influential paper, in order to rid the London Money Market of these hateful securities.

The President of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, Mr. Potter, has declared repeatedly, during the past two years, both in Quebec, Three Rivers and Montreal, that