

committee and Deacons well knew, I had a very great amount of trouble, yet your Deacons in their then next annual report to you, falsely and wilfully so, gave to Osborne, McQuesten, and the said other self-constituted trustees, all the credit thereof, when they knew well that I was the sole cause or means as aforesaid, of your obtaining the money, and that otherwise it would have been given wholly to Knox's Church, and the United Presbyterian Church. And in relation hereto, I may add, that I have not yet received any account of said rents, but I may yet have the satisfaction of compelling such to be done, and recovering the same, and also said proceeds of said sale from said trustees, although you are safe enough, as they cannot recover same from you.

Although I did not give any money towards building your Church, my reason for so doing being a just one, namely, that you had deprived "adherents" of any controul or even enquiry into the affairs thereof, I have no hesitation in saying, and that truthfully, that the foregoing mentioned services freely and frankly rendered by me, are far greater, than what all of you separately and conjunctly have done and given for the Church. And therefore, if the said improper principle of the right of interference in such matters, is to prevail, then certainly, I should be entitled to the almost sole controul of the affairs of the congregation.

I have fought hard for the rights of the Presbyterian Church in this Province, and of the people thereof, as well against all outside thereof, as against the Clergy of the same, even long ere almost any of you came to Canada. It was chiefly by my exertions, that the liberties of the people were saved, when the Clergy of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, just before the "Disruption," concocted the infamous "Temporalities Bill," which they got introduced into Parliament, and used their utmost endeavours to get passed, which however they failed in, as Parliament was induced by having the iniquity thereof clearly brought before it, to give it the six months hoist, else it would have passed, and you would have been the mere tools of the Clergy in Church matters. Hence, I can afford to treat all such sneers and remarks with a hearty contempt, I say—sneers and remarks—as those persons who made the same, are not worthy of contempt.