

has always been, and still is my only working capital in life; and the only legacy which I can reasonably hope to leave to my family, I beg to submit, that I cannot be expected to remain entirely passive, while the Government Engineer is constantly endeavoring to undermine and destroy this reputation, by insinuating that, but for his timely interference, the North Shore Railway would have been an engineering and a commercial failure; and consequently, that if ever constructed, the Government and the country will be indebted to him alone for the fact of its being a first-class Railway.

In pursuance of this one object of self defense, the annexed letters were published by me in the newspapers of Quebec, about a year since; and they were also transmitted to the Honorable the Prime Minister of the Province, accompanied by the following communication:

Quebec, 12th Sept., 1876.

MR. PREMIER,

I take the liberty of placing in your hands the enclosed copies of letters, which I have recently felt called upon to publish, with a view of protecting, so far as it may now be possible, my personal character, and professional reputation, from the injurious effects of the many misrepresentations made by Mr. A. L. Light, your Government Engineer, both in his official reports to the Government, and in his published letters to the newspapers of the country, respecting the character of the work, and the