

a very great deal more than by selling. You cannot doubt the opinion which a jury will form of the proceedings above described. Almost all the independent voters—those who held shares before May, 1877—either supported the present directors at last meeting or remained inactive, neglecting to vote. The number of these shareholders not voting is considerably greater than the number who sent votes for either side. If next time they send their votes promptly to the present directors, they will be far more than sufficient to defeat even the huge artificial phalanx of the new shareholders who have given their names to support the original directors and promoters OF THIS SCANDALOUS COMPANY.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN M. DOUGLAS.

That is a good name "Scandalous Company." That it should be applied to a Company promoted by a Canadian Minister of the Crown, is a matter for shame and humiliation to every honest Canadian.

But Mr. Huntington whines to his friends, declaring that all this is a mere matter of political persecution got up on this side of the water, as a punishment to him for having moved the Pacific Scandal resolutions. His statement last session was that he had never heard a complaint of the matter from the shareholders or directors, until after it had been mentioned in the House of Commons by Sir John Macdonald. That such a statement should be made is proof of the tremendous confidence of this man Huntington is the gullability of his political friends. It is surely too much that the people of Glasgow, subscribers to this "scandalous Company," should be supposed to be so much interested in the success of the Canadian Conservative party, as to have got up all this indignation and submitted to all this serious loss, simply to help Sir John A. Macdonald. HERE, HOWEVER, IS THE PROOF THAT MR. HUNTINGTON WAS GUILTY OF DELIBERATE FALSEHOOD WHEN HE STATED THAT HE HAD HEARD NOTHING OF ANY COMPLAINTS UNTIL AF-

TER HE HAD MADE HIS CHARGES IN PARLIAMENT. Those charges were made in April, 1873, and yet in November, 1872, six months before the charges were heard of, he was answering complaints as follows:—

MONTREAL, November 14th, 1872.

J. R. Cunningham, Jr., Esq.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 2nd instant, enclosing extracts from Mr. Taylor's letters, and I note the request of the Directors that they may hear from me (first) as to the American tariff and (secondly) as to my representations as vendor and discrepancies suggested by Mr. Taylor's report. As to the American tariff on phosphates, I did not at the time of the sale know what it was, and there is, I think, strong reason to hope that it will soon be modified, both as to phosphates and copper. At the present moment copper smelting in the Eastern States has been almost abandoned, but in former years I sent large quantities to Baltimore, on which the purchasers paid half the United States duties as value for the sulphur in the ores.

Secondly. As to the discrepancies between the descriptions of the properties and the facts I do not think Mr. Taylor intended to convey the idea that any existed. He wrote at the first blush and (as I know for the first time from your letter) did not take a sanguine view of what he saw. Mr. Taylor is now in the West, and I think it would be unseemly for me to enter into controversial discussion of his statements at this early stage. I have no hesitation in stating that there will be found no serious discrepancies between the representations of the vendors and existing facts, and I have no doubt that Mr. Taylor's reports from time to time will prove this amply.

The Directors will observe that Mr. McEwen and myself were only nominally vendors. WE MERELY UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY TO THE COMPANY THE PROPERTIES FOR WHICH WE HAD TAKEN OPTIONS AT THE PRICES WE HAD AGREED TO PAY, NOT BECAUSE WE WERE MAKING MONEY BY IT, BUT BECAUSE SOMEBODY HAD TO TAKE THE POSITION OF VENDORS IN THE CONTRACT. We gave you, moreover, all the knowledge we had ourselves, viz., that acquired from skilled and reliable engineers. You have thus acquired a vast property worth immeasurably more than you had paid for it, consisting, as you had stated in your prospectus, of properties, "some well developed and others showing indications of great promise."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) L. S. HUNTINGTON.