

tion calling upon him to resign from the eldership; that the report that the Plaintiff had called his minister a liar had in consequence of Defendant's said statement acquired currency among the members of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Plaintiff's friends, the clergy of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the public generally, whereby Plaintiff suffered damage in his reputation, fame and standing as a gentleman and as an Elder of the church, and was greatly wounded in feeling. Plaintiff further alleges the receipt of the following document from the Secretary of the Trustees of St. Andrews' Church.

"Montreal, 7th Dec., 1872.

"Extracts from the minutes of meeting of the Trustees of St. Andrew's Church held in the vestry on Saturday the 7th of December instant.

"It was resolved :

"That in order to sustain the action of the congregation taken in regard to Mr. James Johnston (Plaintiff) at its meeting on the evening of the 4th of November last the Trustees do now decline to let a pew to Mr. James Johnston for the ensuing year.—Carried. Mr. A. Buntin dissenting."

That on the receipt of said letter, a correspondence ensued between Plaintiff and Defendant of which the following letters are copies :

Montreal, 19th December, 1872.

"DEAR SIR.—One of the young men of my family has informed me that Clements, caretaker of St. Andrew's Church is instructed not to let me the pew in Church which myself and family at present occupy.

"The statement made by you in St. Andrew's Church on the evening of the 4th, November last, that I had called Mr. Lang a liar in the Vestry on the previous day, seems to me to have something to do with this action of the Trustees, and it may help to put the matter right if you would give me a letter withdrawing that statement, making

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