

it the Canada Central; but, Blake, you knew he had you by the throat and you had to reward his treachery. You know better than anybody else whether that transaction was the result of your purchase of R. W. Scott. At any rate the country was robbed of that amount of money to gratify the insatiable appetite of R. W. Scott, your then colleague, and you were a party to it. But, Mr. Blake, that is not the only drain the public exchequer had to stand through your kindly offices towards this same R. W. Scott. You are fully aware that Mr. Scott and the shareholders of the Canada Central Railway petitioned Parliament to recognize their claim to 342,000 acres of land as a subsidy, and that the claim was rejected by Sanfield McDonald, although he did offer to leave the whole question to the Court, which offer R. W. Scott declined. Mr. Scott, after extracting the modest sum of \$119,250 from Blake, Scott & Co., made up his mind to renew his claim for the land subsidy, which had been so often rejected by previous Governments. He induced your Government to pass an Act called: "An Act to provide for the institution of suits against the Crown by Petition of Right," and then filed a Petition of Right on May 25, 1872, on behalf of the Canada Central Railway Company against the Blake, Scott & Co. Government, claiming these 342,000 acres of land for twenty-eight and a half miles of railway. This petition, you, Mr. Blake, duly recognized, and filed an answer to the same through your Attorney General, denying the right of the Company to the lands. The case was tried Sept. 20, 1872; three witnesses were called on behalf of the Company, but Blake, Scott & Co. for the defence did not feel it necessary to call any, although they knew that it could be proved that the Company had failed in the conditions of its Charter, and had forfeited all right to the land. Judgment was given against the Province on this *one-sided* statement of facts for 342,000 acres of land. You will recollect I brought the matter before Parliament and asked for a new trial, but instead of asking for this, Mr. Mowat only sought a re-hearing of the case on the same evidence, which you well knew was a mere farce. But, Mr. Blake, the gravamen of my charge against you now comes to the front. On the argument of the appeal, you had the audacity to appear as Counsel for the Railway Company, (see the *Globe* report of that date) although you and your Government had put in the defence for the Province. Just fancy counsel and representative of the plaintiffs appearing for and on behalf of the defence. You, as the leader of the Ontario bar, knew that any fourth-rate lawyer would have been stripped of his gown if the attention of the Law Society had been drawn to the transaction. But, you, as the leader of the bar, seem privileged to take both sides of the case if it suits your purposes to do so.

But, Mr. Blake, that is not all. The direct result of your deal with R. W. Scott cost the country over \$1,900,000. You knew that the counties of Lanark and Renfrew, Elizabethtown and Brockville, were indebted to the M. L. Fund in that amount, and these municipalities had loaned this money to the Brockville and Ottawa Railway and took a mortgage upon the road. Although this mortgage was perfectly good and valid, the Government reduced the debt to \$500,000 and then, on March