Now, I neither know nor care who was or is the custodian of those books, but that is too thin a story to be believed.

The reeve was persuaded by my false representation to sign that petition. Now, sir, this is simply not the truth. You know, you very well know, that that factory was never once discussed by you and me, and also that it was not I who took that petition to you.

He further states that I compared the audit of 1906 with that of the county. Sir, I did nothing of the kind. What I did say was that it cost nearly as much as all the rest of the county put together. Let us compare notes with some of the other villages for one year. Fenelon Falls, 1903, amount of audit \$7101.17, cost of audit \$20; Woodville, 1905, \$4616.72, cost \$4; Bobcaygeon, 1905, \$9091.77, cost \$10; Omemee, 1906, \$2850, cost \$8; Fenelon Falls, 1906, \$12495.40, cost \$74. And I see by the reported minutes of the council that the Bobcaygeon auditors are to be paid \$6.50 each. It will thus be seen that the largest amount paid by any other village was \$10, the lowest in ours \$20. Now, Mr. Reeve, no one will hold you responsible for this, but the council of the last few years must have been a bright lot (and you have two of them with you this year again) when they allowed things to be run in such a condition. Let us see what this year will bring forth.

The reeve winds up with how he might expose me were he to look into my past record. Now, Sir, this is simply schoolboy twaddle, but I now invite him to go ahead. I held his present position for five years, and was as long a member of the school board. Let him search the records, and, if he can show any wrongdoing on my part, bring it out; only let there be no "They say," or "I have heard." Let him furnish facts, figures and responsible authorities, and if I fail to justify my every act let me stand convicted.

Yours truly, JAMES DICKSON. Fenelon Falls, January 27th, 1908.

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