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THE ANSWER COMING.

The elections of last March were ostensibly fought upon the lines of free trade and protection, although the former was given the higher sounding title of Unrestricted Reciprocity. In 1878 a similar battle was fought, and in both instances protection carried the day. It was conceded that the last election demonstrated a change in public sentiment with regard to free trade, and the government was returned with a largely reduced majority, mainly brought about by Ontario and the maritime provinces returning a majority of free trade representatives. The Conservative party, who still felt certain that they had the country with them, were surprised and chagrined at the apparent success which had attended the free trade party, and could not explain the why and wherefore. Nature, however, works out her own problems, and in this instance is making the answer plain with a little assistance from man. It is coming out through the election courts. Already have six Reformers been unseated for bribery. Here are their names: Trow, Gibson, Borden, Spohn, Forbes, Tarte. As an offset to these only one Conservative—Henderson—has been decapitated. These facts show a deplorable state of affairs somewhere. Six constituencies already shown to have been won by Reformers by bribery and corruption! The cry of free trade appears to have taken well in these places when accompanied by a little sweetening. But to think that the Reform party should be guilty of such acts! It will come as a surprise to many of their own followers, and cause them to think strongly. The Reform party has claimed the title of "Party of Purity," and some of those who have fallen were the loudest shouters for purity in politics. J. Israel Tarte, who has been posing as a sort of an apostle of whiteness, threw up the white flag before a gun was fired, and resigned his seat. Dr. Spohn, of East Simcoe, was another of the same stamp and is now out in the cold. And the end is not yet—oh, no! At home we are patiently waiting what the 9th of December may bring forth. Will the good doctor representing South Grey go under with the rest? Time alone will tell.

WARM WORK IN QUEBEC.

A political sensation of gigantic proportions is in progress in Quebec at the present moment. Threats of arrest, libel suits and counter libel suits are flying around as thick as canaries in a mullein field. The Empire published last week a statement made by Mr. J. P. Whelan, contractor for the court house at Quebec, whereby it appears that gentleman paid out for political purposes to members of the Quebec government, including Mr. Mercier himself, Mr. Pacaud and Mayor McShane of Montreal, the enormous sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars! That court house cost the province nearly $900,000, whereas its actual value was not more than $250,000. This statement, by the man who paid out the money, has made the accused desperate, and an era of blaster and bravado is just now prevailing. Mercier has served papers upon the Empire demanding $50,000 as balm for his wounded feelings. He will also prosecute Quebec papers for the hand they have taken in it. He will also have arrested the editors of Le Monde, L'Etendard, Le Courrier La Presse and The Witness. All of these papers ridicule his hot-headed fury. Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad, and the maddening process is proceeding quite briskly with the Honorable Count of Tourouvre. There is still an amusing feature about it in the press comments. They are poking any amount of fun at the angry count. Witness the following from La Presse: "Count Mercier is scared. The man with the white breeches has resolved to exterminate the press of this country. The newspaper men are so indiscreet, they talk and write too much for the tranquility of the great men who rule the province. The truth is so unpleasant, and this is why Mr. Mercier, the demagogue of other days, now wishes to play a little Napoleon and strangle the voice of public opinion. He, it appears, has decided to imprison every journalist in the country who will not sing his praises and who will not throw in the waste basket the infamous revelations which stain those noble hands.

Two new weekly papers, both published in Toronto, have put in an appearance at our sanctum, "The Protestant," as its name implies, will smash Romanism into smithereens or learn the reason why. It will probably learn the reason why. Then there is "The Factor," edited by Ernest Albert Macdonald, the disappointed municipal reformer and land boomer, who will get a hearing for himself from the taxpayers of Toronto, and reform many abuses, or die in the attempt. We will inform our readers when the funeral takes place.

That Door Closing—Reply.

Written for The Advance.

I wish to reply to some statements in Mr. W. S. Inkster's letter. The first is respecting "one of the stewards." I will let the parties concerned answer. Here is the statement: "One of the members of our church asked one of the stewards of the Maxwell Methodist church the day after the funeral what would have been done under the same circumstance in his church. This is his answer: 'Why the door would have been locked.'" We, the undersigned officials of Maxwell Methodist church, deny the above statement. D. K. Preston, Robert Fenwick, Josiah Gamey, R. S.; Foster Heron, James Buckingham, William Scutt. These are all the officials of said church. Give name of steward?

The next is: It is said I "was acquainted thoroughly with the whole case the evening before the funeral by a member of the Presbyterian church." Who was the messenger "acquainted with the whole case" sent from that Star Chamber to tell of the closed door? Name your man. He has not arrived yet. Mr. John Inkster, jr., is the only Presbyterian who spoke to me of the said funeral. He has stated he "acquainted" me. He told me why I was asked to officiate, but that he told me the door would be closed, or that there would be any trouble, I positively deny. How could he acquaint me "thoroughly?" His brother William states "the locking of the church door was planned the night before the funeral. This is a true statement." The "locking" was "planned" in Feversham at "night." Mr. John Inkster jr., spent his evening in the Methodist church, Providence, in service. He was there when I reached said church at 5 p.m. The last place I saw him was there after 7. p. m., and yet he is able to acquaint me "thoroughly with the whole case" that has been planned in Feversham while he is about five miles from the place of planning, and most likely not "planned" when we parted. Will W. S. Inkster tell the public how they sent him "the whole case?" Name the man that was sent when the plan was complete to acquaint me "thoroughly" so that the public can go to him and ask him if he were at the meeting? Who instructed him? Or did the session generally instruct him? Where he found me and under what circumstances? After service, said night, a short time before speaking to me, said John Inkster asked Mr. Cyrus Field, who was with me, to "tell Mr. Brown to be sure and attend the funeral." Cyrus declined. Mr. Field permits his name used as above. Why make such a request if he knew of closed door and trouble. Is it likely, if I knew of such an outrage, I would drive that night five miles with Mr. Cyrus Field, or next day drive from Maxwell to home of deceased with Mr. Thomas Gamey and not say one word about it? Both these men may be consulted. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Park's brother, was the first man who mentioned the locking of the door or any trouble to me, and that after I reached the home of the late Mr. Park the day of the funeral. This I can take oath upon.

It has been stated that I had something to do with publishing Mr. John Park's letter. This I emphatically deny. The first I knew of it was through The Advance kindly sent by the editor. Thanks for space. Yours truly H. A. BROWN.

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From our own Correspondent.

BARN BURNED—A frame barn belonging to Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, situated on lot No. 5, con. 2 south, Osprey, was consumed by fire in the middle of the day on Thursday, 12th inst. The building contained twenty tons of hay. The loss altogether will be in the neighborhood of $500. It is not known how the fire originated. A hard circumstance in connection with this affair is that only a few days before the fire Mr. Hutchinson had sent in an application for insurance on the barn and contents, but as the application had not then been accepted by the board the barn may be said to have not been insured, and the loss will be a total one to Mr. Hutchinson.

Typhoid fever is somewhat prevalent in this vicinity. There are two victims in one family. We trust they will speedily recover.

Miss Derby, from Durham, has been engaged to look after the educational interests of No. 4, and Miss Acheson has been re-engaged to teach in No. 2, Proton.

Rev. Mr. McTavish, of Shelburne, preached here on Sabbath week, and gave a most excellent discourse, his subject being "Love."

The teacher of No. 2, Proton, is ill and school is closed for the present.

There were two or three pranks played here on hallowe'en. The funniest was where the two young gents carried off a gate, and the owner being good at guessing simply told them it would be to their interests to return it. They did so quite meekly, and now have to undergo a running fire of quizzing.

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