

The petition against Sir John Macdonald's return for Lennox in the House of Commons is to be tried next week at Napanee before Judge Armour. The particulars contain 132 charges of corrupt practices. A motion was made on Tuesday to C. J. Wilson, and partially discussed, to strike out several of the charges on the ground that they are not proper particulars. The motion stands until Friday, when Mr. Bethune, Q. C., will propose in on behalf of the petitioners.

Gossip is sometimes a harmless thing. It is natural for men and women to talk about one another, and if kept within bounds there is nothing wrong in it. The worst of it is gossip is so often ill-natured, and much of it is simply devilish. There is so much of it, which in the most barfaced way, is manufactured out of whole cloth, and stamped with the signet ring of approval of Satan the father of lies. How then is the right kind to be kept so and no harm done, or where is the line to be drawn?

Temperance sentiment continues to grow stronger in our Dominion year by year. Last year some of the provincial branches of the Dominion Alliance requested the clergymen of the various churches to set apart the work of a given Sunday for the advocacy of temperance principles. This is a preliminary step and finding it to work well the Council of the Alliance has recommended that the 21st inst. be set apart throughout the Dominion for temperance work. It is not fully decided, but it is more than probable, that the Alliance will adopt the recommendation of the Council.

King Alfonso of Spain has been calling on his neighbors. He set out to visit England, France, Germany, Russia, &c. Queen Victoria was "not at home" on account of ill health, but thoughtfully sent word he could see some of her folks on the Continent. President Grevy of France was at home, but the French mob was too, and as they think Alfonso is too friendly with their neighbor William over the Rhine, they insulted His Majesty of Spain with hisses and shouts of an uncomplimentary character. Thereat Spain is wrath, Germany is buffed, and France is out of temper, and Alfonso went home again. So it seems when kings as well as old women go gadding about, mischief is apt to be stirred up.

An Ottawa despatch says:—"Although Sir John Macdonald's organs have been censuring the Ontario Government for not forcing the sheriff of Algoma to act as returning officer, the Premier has not hesitated to pass over the sheriff of Lunenburg and select as returning officer for that county a violent partizan named H. W. Jost. In defence of the Government's conduct it is charged that the sheriff of Lunenburg is the 'creature' of the Local Government, which happens to be Liberal. This defence completely answers the Tory charges in reference to the Algoma officer, for the sheriff of that district is appointed by the Ontario Government, and according to argument is as much the 'creature' of that Government as the returning officer.

Goldwin Smith, though he wrote and spoke in favor of the Tory party when they were fighting for offices in 1878, is not by any means enamored with the taxation policy which the present Government has carried on since its advent. In *Bystander*, just issued, he says:—"The boom is over, and we have come to that season of depression which follows the use of false stimulants in the case of protectionist legislation, as well as in the case of brandy. Cotton men are holding councils to limit production, and of course employment at the same time. We commend to them the policy of the protectionists of Java who used to burn all the spices above a certain quantity in order to keep up the price. Would that the Finance Minister had adhered to the policy of common sense."

There is always a plentiful supply of prophets who fix the date of the destruction of the world near at hand. The failure of each does not deter the others. The latest is Charles W. Connolly, a second adventist of Florida. Connolly has written a book predicting the end of the world, and the second coming of Christ next month, within ten days after the visible appearance of the new moon. He says the original computation, made by William Miller, of Southampton, N. Y., in 1843, fixing the second coming of Christ for that year, was correct; that Miller was as much called to preach the second advent of Christ as John the Baptist was the first, but his message was received with no more favor by the Gentile Church than the first advent message by John the Baptist was by the Jewish Church, and as God granted forty years' mercy to the Jewish Church from the baptism of Christ to the destruction of the temple, he has also granted for 7 years' mercy from 1843 to 1883 to the Gentile Church.

A Tory journal makes the ingenious discovery that the time when the N. P. benefits the farmer is when his crops are a failure and he has nothing to sell; the tariff keeps Yankee grain out of Canadian markets. At such a time it is also a boon to those who have to buy bread.

Algoma Election.

The people of Algoma have viewed things in a sensible light and elected Mr. Lyon, the Liberal Candidate, by a majority of 123—not very large it is true—but the wonder is, considering the influences that were brought to bear, and the means resorted to, that it is as large as it is. One thing alone brought about this issue, viz. the fact that the people of the entire district felt that Ontario's and Algoma's interests demanded that a man represent them in the Legislature whose support could not be purchased for a mess of pottage, and who would not sell his constituency at the bidding of Ottawa gormandizers and political tyrants. The people of the disputed territory felt also that it was a serious moment, an hour fraught with weal or woe, for them, and with a noble and patriotic determination they struck a blow at Ottawa interference and the Macdonald-Norquay-Shields-Plummer combination with telling effect. The result of the election is a surprise to the entire ranks of Toryism as with such men in the field as Shields, Wilkinson, Kirwin, Fingle, Aucheson, Wallace and others employed by the Dominion Government to distribute the corruption funds and peddle frozen whiskey it was confidently anticipated that the result would have been otherwise. The Tory organs are indignant because Mr. Mowat did open polling places in the most convenient localities for them to have run in the large bogus vote to be found in certain sections of the district, where the railroad navies are numerous. They storm because Mr. Mowat did not appoint the Sheriff of Thunder Bay Returning Officer, while they are aware that officer declined to act through physical inability. They rage because Messrs. Hardy and Pardy, members of the Government, entered the field and addressed the people, while Shields & Co. was dealing out watered whiskey in thick bottomed tumblers. And all their bluster is to draw away public attention from the unblushing corruption being practiced. Why did not Messrs. Meredith, Lauder, Morris, or Creighton, leading members of the Opposition take the field? Because their cause was so weak that it was not to be advocated on the platform and so other tactics had to be resorted to, tactics which even Messrs. Meredith, Lauder, Morris and company, in their servile subserving to Ottawa hierarchy, could not be entrusted with, but are set aside in favor of Shields, Wilkinson & Co. This is a redeeming feature in the Oppositionists in the local legislature, that Sir John must elect parties outside of it to do his dirtiest work. But every true patriot in Ontario, be he Reform or Conservative, will rejoice that the despoilers of our fair province have been defeated in their efforts to trample down the queen Province of our Dominion.

A reply to "A Witness."

A word from us is necessary in reply to statements of an anonymous writer in last week's issue of the *York Herald*, who, by the way, is a greater success as a maligner and defamer of character than he is a newspaper correspondent. Without dealing with some important points which that communication inters, we will briefly refer to the statements made by "A Witness," who is ashamed of revealing his name, but fails to conceal his identity. In reference to the letters advertised for, "A Witness," says, "because he has them either in his own possession, or he knows what has become of them, as he took possession of them in a very dishonorable way." This is simply untrue in every particular. The evidence at the trial showed: First, that the letters were handed the defendant by his wife, and not as the principal and accomplices would have the public believe that "he took possession of them in a very dishonorable way." Second, that they were not in his possession but a few minutes and that he has not seen or known anything of them since. These are uncontrovertible facts. "Witness" says: "At the trial he admitted writing the letters, and it was shown by parties present, who had read them, what they contained." The first part of this statement is true, the latter part false. The defendant admitted having written the letters, but there was so much misrepresentation, and twisting to suit purposes, and they were so thoroughly falsified by some who did not even make this pretence, that this, together with the fact that one of the letters, or a portion of one, is known to be in the possession of the maligners, and it is believed that the whole of them are in their possession, induced us to offer the reward for their production. Had these letters been produced at the trial, and we fully expected they would have been, and were taken by surprise when they were not, they would have spoken for themselves, but this would not have suited their purpose. The evidence of their own witnesses showed that it was only when taken in connection with representations made by the principal that they could be construed to mean what they were represented to. There is not a doubt

but at the present those letters are in the possession of either the principal or her assistants in the scheme, and to draw attention away from this fact they lay the accusation elsewhere. And as the attitude of "Witness," than whom none know better where the letters are, would indicate that there is little prospect of their production, we need only state that the reason of their non-appearance is, that they would prove the whole of the witnesses either the silly and willing dupes or the unprincipled accomplices of a deep laid blackmailing plot.

Now we challenge the anonymous writer to produce his true signature and thus reveal to his readers who he is. This is only a justice to the parties concerned and to the public. There is no surer evidence that there is something wrong when an individual is unwilling to shoulder the responsibility of his own statements. The public would be interested to know whether "A Witness" is a reliable or a respectable man.

J. A. STURGEON SEEWART.

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