

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS :
SIR,—I see by a leading editorial of yours in one of your late issues commenting severely on the Tory government for dismissing a lock tender named McCourt, employed on the Cornwall Canal. Knowing as I do that you are a lover of truth and fair play, it is but justice to our worthy member, Dr. Bergin, and to the government at Ottawa to lay the facts of this case before you in their true light. This man McCourt has been for the past thirty years a red hot follower of Dr. Bergin long before the Doctor thought of entering public man, and was by the man then called Mr. O'Connell head word against the Doctor up to the fall of 1860. So well he might, for he stands to-day indebted to him for many substantial favours which, if I want into detail, would occupy many columns of your true Post, and if the receiver of those had even attempted to repay it would take a whole lifetime to do so. In 1878, when the National Policy was laid before the people, this same man followed Dr. Bergin all through that campaign and was elected, as Mr. McCourt thought, by him and his friends. Everything went on as merry as a chime of bells for a long time after said election. After the lapse of some time an accident occurred to a bridge across the canal, a propeller having run through it while closed with fatal consequences to the bridge, and, as Mr. McCourt thought, also to the bridge tender. Though he was then a merchant in Pitt street, doing a good business in his own house at that time, he wanted the poor bridge tender discharged, whose only support for himself, wife and young children was the salary he received for taking care of same. Mr. McCourt is not the poor man you are informed he is; he owns valuable properties in this town and adjoining it. Still he wanted Dr. Bergin to give him this poor man's salary as bridge tender or discharge some master to make room for him. As the doctor did not do this, he became an unjust and such a violent agitator that he said and did every thing possible against him; he did not even let him next election and I think he knows where he is now.