

the proper officers of the Conservative Association, as I was informed. Scully then said: 'This cheque will be placed in the hands of Stumpf and held by him until after the election trial, when it will be handed over to you.'

"A few days afterwards I saw Stumpf, when he said: 'You need some clothes, and you better take that \$50.00 out with me in clothing.' Between the election trial and the first of April of the present year (1900), I received clothing from the said Stumpf, to the extent of \$50.00, which has been paid for by said Stumpf as agreed."

The Alleged Ballot-Stuffers Acquitted.

Mr. Whitney took great delight in calling upon the Government to prosecute Wildfong and Cummings, who were reported by the two Judges at the trial for spoiling ballots, on evidence a great deal of which has been shown to have been purchased. The case was before the Court of Appeal, and the findings of the trial Judges might have been reversed, and the character of these two young men cleared, but this made no difference to Mr. Whitney so long as he thought he could score a point against the Government. The case before the Court of Appeal never came to judgment, as the Liberal member, Mr. Breithaupt, wishing to take his seat in the House, and not being able to do so while the case was before the Court, withdrew his Appeal, resigned his seat and again offered himself to the electors. **So disgusted were the better class of Conservatives in North Waterloo, with the conduct of their party leaders in connection with the whole matter, that no opposition was offered to Mr. Breithaupt, and he was elected by acclamation.** Just as soon as possible after the matter was out of the Courts the Ontario Government, *although not legally bound to do so*, caused proceedings to be taken against Wildfong and Cummings. The prosecution was placed in the hands of County Crown Attorney Bowlby, a strong Conservative, who did his whole duty in the matter, and the two men were placed on trial at Berlin on July 15th, 1901. Allan R. Shantz, above referred to, was brought 2,300 miles, at the expense of the Government to give his evidence. After hearing the evidence of all the officials, including C. H. Doerr, of Berlin, and F. J. Collins, of Dundas, the two Conservative scrutineers, all of whom completely exonerated Wildfong and Cummings, the two prisoners were honorably acquitted, and left the Court room without the slightest suspicion of wrongdoing having been proven against either of them.