

one word to clear up the affair; and, then again in the Assembly, Mowat's allusion to you, making you the scape goat for the alleged sins of McKellar & Co., was, in my opinion, a very cowardly act. To tell you the truth, Lewis, I am disgusted with the leaders of our party.

Ever since I have had the honor of your acquaintance I have looked upon you as one of the most zealous workers in the Reform party, and without fee or reward.

The Tory party say that our party acted a mean and cowardly part towards you when there was no necessity for it, and I intend to tell McKellar so when I meet him. I don't think he is the right man in the right place; for a man that will desert a friend when he can't help himself, is not worthy of the place he fills.

I expect to often hear of the matter, as it will be brought up by the Tories, to taunt our party with their meanness towards you.

I remain, my Dear Lewis,

Yours truly,

JOHN MCCOTTON.

SMITHVILLE, 11th April, 1874.

MR DEAR J. W. LEWIS: I embrace this opportunity of stating to you that I feel much annoyed at the proceeding of the Committee of the Proton affair, for it is quite evident that a great injustice has been done to you, and through you a blow was aimed at the Reform party.

It will require much clearer evidence than anything I have yet seen to shake my confidence in your integrity whom I have known for a period of some thirty-five years. I must say I am not satisfied with Mr. Mowat's course in the matter, and the proceedings of the Committee appear to be all on one side. I will try and see you when I am in St. Catharines again.

I remain,

respectfully yours,

A. MORSE.

Mr. McKELLAR replied to a letter of Mr. McCALLUM's of the 20th March, 1873, under date of April 9th of the same year, as follows;

"Mr. Mowat was not familiar with the whole case when he referred to Lewis in his speech at Woodstock or he would not have made the reference he did; he is the last man to wound the feelings of any one. Lewis is an honest and zealous man."

Why did not Mr. McKELLAR rise and put Mr. Mowat right when he made that speech, for he was present and addressed the same meeting? And why did he not advise Mr. Mowat of his error when that gentleman proposed his resolution of censure in the

House? Where was his manliness then? Immediately below is the evidence of Mr. DODD, one of the supporters of Mr. LARDER, and one of his chief orators in the South Grey election, as it was given before the Committee of the House. This gentleman accompanied the writer from May's Hotel to the meeting at Pate's, and after the meeting both the writer and Mr. DODD returned together to May's Hotel, and remained together till twelve or one o'clock at night, and Mr. DODD must therefore have heard all the writer said during the whole time they were in company.

Mr LAUDER then proceeded to call witnesses.

EDWARD K. DODD, of Toronto,—Met Mr. Lewis at Dundalk, on the town line of Proton, at the late election; witness had heard that Mr Nixon had called a meeting, and went there to hear him; heard Mr. Lewis say he had come there especially to put the land question properly before the people, he said the present Government would give the land question a consideration favourable to the electors; did not hear him say he had seen any one; understood him to mean that he had the authority of Mr. McKellar or Mr. Blake, but he did not say he had seen either of them; thought a change took place in the feeling of the people after Mr. Lewis got there.

By Mr. PARDEE—Witness was up there canvassing for Mr. Lauder.

Mr. PARDEE—You understood Mr. Lewis to say that it would be more to their interest to have the present Government than the late Government.

Witness—Yes.

Mr. LAUDER—Well, but—

Mr. PARDEE—Hold on, Mr. Lauder. We won't have this interruptions.

The CHAIRMAN—Wait till the committee get through.

By Mr. LEWIS—Witness accompanied Mr. Lewis afterwards to May's hotel; did not see any books produced.

Is not the foregoing mass of evidence which might be multiplied ten-fold, were it necessary, quite sufficient to convince every unprejudiced mind in this country that the writer (J. W. Lewis,) is entirely innocent of every charge brought against him in connection with the South Grey election? And does it not show how unwise, how unjust, and how untruthful was the speech of Mr. Mowat at Woodstock? And does it not show still further that that while the Gov.