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"Have you ever had any brothers or sisters?" asked the attorney who conducted the direct examination.

"I never had a sister," piped the old gentleman, "but I had one brother."

"Is that brother still living?"

"No, he is dead."

"When did he die?"

"About—about—let's see—it was about a hundred and fifty years ago."

"I asked you—you must have misunderstood me—I asked you when your brother died."

"And I told you about a hundred and fifty years ago."

"But I am serious in my question and cannot listen to such absurd answers. Remember you are on oath."

"I am telling you the truth," insisted the old gentleman, earnestly.

Here the judge interposed:

"The witness must refrain from levity and facetiousness and confine his answers to facts, or I shall be obliged to take punitive measures for contempt."

"There is no contempt, judge," protested the witness. "I mean what I say and if your honor and the attorney will give me an opportunity to explain I shall make it clear to you."

"The witness may have an opportunity to set himself right, if possible," said the judge.

"Well, your honor, my father married when he was 17. A year later his wife bore him a child and died. The child died within three months. My father remained single until he was 72, then married a young woman, to whom I was born a year later. I am 95 years of age."

After profuse apologies the examination proceeded.

WOMAN'S HARDEST TRIAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Nagger were at the breakfast table, when Mr. Nagger said to his wife:

"Did you hear Mrs. Flutter say last night, when we were calling there, that she made all of her own dresses and trimmed her own hats?"

"There was fire in the eye of Mrs. Nagger, and the iron of sharp and keen resentment seemed to have been driven into her soul when she said in reply:

"And did you hear Mr. Flutter say that he always took care of his own furnace instead of paying a man \$6 a month to do it, as a certain man I know of who can't afford it does? Did you hear that? And did you hear Mr. Flutter telling how he saved 30 cents a week by shaving himself instead of running off to a barber, and running the risk of contracting skin disease, as you do? Did you hear that?"

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Do You Want To Go?

Humors of Worcester Politics

Bribing, Treating and Fighting

(How in Canada we are always accustomed to look on elections in England as being "pure and unadorned.")

But the following account of elections in the one constituency of Worcester, dipped from the Birmingham Weekly Post, would go to show that the Englishman wants no help from either Americans or Canadians when it comes to the "fine art" of buying an election.—News Editor (Montreal).

Worcester has an interesting record in the matter of elections and petitions. As long as three centuries ago the voters are recorded to have been "bribed with wine." That was because the office of M. P. was much coveted, and there were many candidates for political honors and for the city's wages to Parliamentary representatives, which ranged from 2s. 6d. to 4s. a day, with an allowance of 6s. a day for a man servant. Because of this bribery the Corporation scorned the Parliamentary wages.

They also issued several chamber orders to prevent more than a stipulated quantity of wine being given to each voter. But at a later date the Corporation, who had then acquired the habit of creating just as many freemen as served their purpose, lost interest in such freemen as possessed a vote for the sister of Hereford. The Mayor was selected as the fittest custodian of their persons and votes, as testified by the following item in the Corporation's accounts for 1731:

"Paid to the Mayor for taking the freemen to Hereford election, 41 2s. 10d."

The item wears the semblance of the modern practice of whipping-in. The poll used, long years ago, to be open for as long as six weeks, which gave ample leisure for the exercise of influence upon the electors by either side. In 1784 the polling was reduced to fifteen days, but local historians say that during the whole of the time (whether 42 or 15 days):—

The city was completely surrendered to a saturnalia of infamy; and there were hideous scenes of debauchery and drunkenness.

One cause assigned for the decay of trade in the once prosperous city was "the frequent and expensive operations" in the elections (an elegant euphemism for bribery and corruption) but, on the other hand, it is asserted that the Worcester Royal Porcelain Works (whose name is a household word) were founded in 1750 chiefly for political purposes. So the city gained one great trade as a recompense.

AN ANTI-CORRUPTION CHAMPION.

Bribery and corruption were regular parts of the great political game. As early as 1773 a candidate named Sir Watkin Lewis made a bold effort "to destroy the influence of bribery and corruption" in the city, and the ladies of the city rewarded Lady Lewis for her efforts in the same direction by presenting her with a superb piece of plate adorned with many curious emblematical devices. History says further that Sir Watkin was "elected" in the seat in which King Alfred was crowned; and the function was a "splendid affair."

In 1802 the local historian, Turberville, says, "politics mattered less in the election than person or purse." In 1806 the supporters of a candidate Colonel Bromley, pleaded that they were "disgusted by the unwholesome bribery of previous elections"; but



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when by a strange irony of circumstances a petition was lodged against Colonel Bromley, that professing purist declined to defend it, and preferred to vacate his seat by accepting the Children's Hundred. The humor of the situation did not end there. Mr. Gordon, the petitioner, was successful at the resulting election, and his opponent sought retribution by petitioning against him on the score of bribery, which petition was dismissed. Religious freedom was discussed at that election; and the projected poll was carried on amidst a great deal of fighting and outrage!

In 1813, 250 out-voters who resided in London were fetched to the Faithful City, but they created a disturbance before they started, and at Worcester the rioting and disturbances were "worse than ever before recorded."

Although during the 17th and 18th centuries the popular tumults had been violent and long continued. In 1819 Colonel Davies's return was petitioned against, the inevitable allegation being bribery and treating; but the necessary witnesses were kept out of the way by a humorous method of contesting petitions which was not entirely forgotten, for as late as December, 1892, a material Liberal witness in the Worcester petition left the Court for lunch and has not been seen or heard of since. Colonel Davies was declared elected on the casting vote of the House of Commons Committee.

A TRIANGULAR FIGHT.

Notwithstanding party recriminations about bribery there was a good-as-you-please triangular fight in 1826 between Mr. G. R. Robinson, Colonel Davies, and Mr. Griffiths. The last named spent £8,000 in a week, and then drew in his purse strings—and lost. The other candidates were more liberal, and the total expenditure was estimated at £25,000. As there were 3,816 votes polled, each vote cost a little more than 6d. Mr. Robinson is recorded to have made himself popular "by a free expenditure of money."

He headed the poll. Which is not surprising.

In 1835 Mr. Robinson and Colonel Davies were opposed by a carpet-bagger, Mr. Bailey, and history says of him that he "opened eighty public-houses," and that he polled fifty-five pauper's votes. But upon a petition he squeezed in his one vote; the decision of the petition costing him £16,000. In 1837 he was petitioned against once more, but the petition was abandoned.

In 1835 the rival factions had a sharp affray, and many partizans' heads were broken. Worcester people used to take their elections very seriously, and in 1841 the nominations in the Guildhall were attended by a pandemonium in which the rivals "fought with bludgeons."

In 1847, Mr. Ruford, one of the city candidates, spent £4,000, (though it trumpeted at his subsequent bankruptcy that he was indebted at the time); and another local historian, Noke, says of this contest: "This open-house inquiry rioted in a rank and file which had never been equalled at previous elections. Probably, too, half the electors were paid for their votes under what was called the "messenger judge."

County and borough elections worked in Worcester were perhaps not quite so bad. Of the contest in the county in 1837 it is recorded that Mr. Horace St. Paul spent about £16,000, to secure 2,595 votes. The representation of the county was contested regularly by the Lydelltons and the Lysons, and when in 1831 an outsider chanced to get nominated in opposition to Colonel Lygon, he was actually frightened away on hearing that the Dowager Lady Beauchamp had subscribed £50,000, to fight the county. Profuseness of expenditure proved votes at £16 APEICE.

An Evolution election in 1831 furnished a record that sixteen freemen came down from London at £12 apiece—which nullified the election. But the election of Mr. Borchwick for that constituency in 1837 was made void by the gift of a silver snuff-box inscribed "Ex dono amici sui conducti," and a duel followed between the unseated member and a supporter.

Bowdley, another county borough, was perfect in electioneering arts, and in 1847 it was recorded by Turberville: "As much as £15 was paid for a vote. Twenty-six or twenty-seven inns were opened, some of which applied as many as 1,000 gallons a day. A most pernicious system of intimidation, kidnapping and treating prevailed."

Bribery and corruption continued to be parts of the game until 1854, when they became punishable. For a quarter of a century afterwards no election was contested, but the general election of 1880 resulted in no fewer than five petitions in city and county divisions.

In 1880 Mr. G. H. Williamson, who has just been unseated, then a stalwart Radical of the most uncompromising type, wrote to the press declaring that the sweeping charges brought against him by the Tories in a petition against the Liberal M.P.'s returned for Worcester were a complete fabrication, and he was as good as his word, he and all the Liberals named by the petitioners being elected. Just as the Conservative petition failed in 1880, the Liberal petition in 1842 failed.

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