

The Reason Why.
 The reason why the magnificent Retail Grocery Establishments in the Alma Block and on Lower Wyndham Street, belonging to John A. Wood, are so very popular with the intelligent public:— Because the Goods are all of the best quality. Because the Prices are invariably the lowest. Because the Clerks are courteous and obliging. Because the Stock is the largest to select from. Because the goods are always clean. Because the Weights and Measures are always correct. Because, in fact, the proprietor understands his business, desires to please his customers, makes good use of his capital, and buys for cash in the best markets, and always deals liberally with those who honor his stores with their custom.— These and many other weighty reasons have come upon us largely to make the name of John A. Wood, as connected with the Grocery trade of Guelph, so well known, and his stores so very popular.

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The Royal Commission.
 We had intended to comment ere this on the manner in which the three judges now sitting on the Commission at Ottawa were conducting the enquiry entrusted to their charge; but we do not regret the postponement of criticism as it enabled us to base our opinion, not upon the proceedings of one or two days only, but upon the proceedings of more than a week, embracing the testimony of a moiety of the witnesses who are to be called. The result entirely confirms anticipations previously entertained that the Court of Enquiry would prove to be a solemn humbug, a mere prostitution of the Royal name and commission to cloak up Sir John's political nakedness. Even the necessarily brief synopsis which we have been enabled to publish shows the hollow nature of the proceedings. But this is much more apparent from the extended reports furnished to the Toronto dailies, giving question and answer at length. It cannot be denied, however, that the latter are exceedingly dry and monotonous reading. There is an utter absence of anything like cross-examination of the witnesses—except in the case of D. Y. McMullen, from whom Sir John A. endeavored to extract something unfavorable to Geo. W. McMullen, with but poor success. Most of the witnesses are tenderly and kindly treated by the gentle and urbane Commissioners. No rude or intemperate curiosity is shown by these tender-hearted judges. They are too humane and considerate to act in a manner which might hurt a witness' feelings, or excite a conflict between his respect for the truth and his respect for the great Premier of the Dominion. Nay, so far do they carry this humane disposition that there is good reason to believe the questions they put are so selected as to avoid eliciting any uncomfortable or embarrassing facts. The goodness and loving kindness of these model Commissioners is well illustrated by the following remarks of an eye witness—the correspondent of the Stratford Beacon—who says:—

When Mr. Henry Starnes was giving his evidence, the help of the adroit judge was perfectly indispensable. For instance, Mr. Day suggests to him, when in a fix about Sir Hugh Allan's money:—
 "Q—You mean to say that you have no personal knowledge of the payment of money to the election committee by Sir Hugh Allan?"
 But Henry Starnes did not say so. What he said was this—and surely he must be a thick head who does not see in this an answer upon which a most common-place lawyer would have found a long series of severe cross-questions! What he said was:—
 "A—I cannot say how the money came. It was deposited with me as treasurer, but by what means it came I have no means of knowing. It was paid by cheques upon the bank of which I am a manager, and drawn by bearer."
 Then Mr. Starnes is asked if the payment of money by Sir Hugh Allan had any reference to conditions mentioned in a letter. Mr. Starnes says:—"They had no connection to my knowledge." How did he sign the receipt without knowing anything further about the conditions than this? Did he keep his eyes closed, or what? The matter was too obviously in a delicate stage, and after thinking for a few moments, the chairman suggests:—"You signed the receipt inadvertently, I suppose?" Why, of course, Mr. Starnes could not think of any way of escape himself, but he saw it all at once, now that it was opened to him, and he answered quite briskly and with evident relief:—"Just so, INADVERTENTLY."
 Then the Chairman is very fond of putting his questions in a form which looks rather too much like telling the witness what he wants him to say, thus:—
 Chairman—You have no idea in whose hands these letters now are?"
 Starnes—"None whatever."
 Chairman—You cannot at this moment inform the Commissioners what amounts were derived from Sir Hugh Allan in subscriptions?"
 Starnes—"No, I cannot."
 The correspondent goes on to say:—
 Then there was the evidence of Sir Francis Hincks, who was allowed—in fact, asked by the chairman—to give his story from beginning to end without a single cross-question. It may here be remarked that the chairman comes to the Commission with notes prepared of the questions he is going to ask. Wicked people will insinuate—and you know these very wicked people sometimes do more than insinuate—that the witnesses are not altogether ignorant of what these questions are beforehand; and worse, they even insinuate that they are framed, if not by themselves, at least in accordance with certain well defined principles

—namely, that none of these bothering questions, which will bear no walking alongside of the truth in reply, shall be put in any case. Well, Sir Francis can't complain of the severity of his cross-examination, and so far as he is personally concerned, he seems quite pleased with it so far. He seems never to have anticipated that it could be so clearly shown how great and good and pure the Government really were until their virtues were displayed by the cross-examination of the factious Mr. Day.

The reader has often heard of judges objecting to counsel putting words in the mouth of a witness. What will be thought of the following specimen of examining a witness:—
 Judge Day pointed out that there was a further charge of the Government having received large sums from Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. Abbott in return for the charter.
 Sir Francis Hincks said it was utterly impossible that any such understanding could be come to.
 Judge Day—"Your answer is that you contradict in unqualified terms the charge made."
 Sir F. Hincks—"In the most unqualified terms."
 Judge Day—"I will put it in another form. Do you mean to contradict in unqualified terms that an understanding was arrived at between the Government, Sir Hugh Allan and Mr. Abbot, one of the members of the House of Commons, that large sums of money should be given for the purpose of aiding in the elections of Ministers and their supporters, and that Sir Hugh and his friends should in return receive the contract for the Pacific Railway?"
 Sir Francis—"Yes. I would add this that I cannot positively swear with regard to anything that passed between individual members of the Government and Sir Hugh, but I know of my own knowledge that nothing with regard to the Pacific Charter of the character described came under my own observation."
 Judge Day here suggested that witness should use the words "I positively contradict," &c., and the witness accordingly adopted the suggestion.

Then as to Mr. Beaubien:—
 No better proof of the fixed intention of the Commissioners not to investigate this matter could be found, than their examination of the member for Hochelaga. Mr. McMullen alleged that Mr. Beaubien got \$7,000 of the corruption fund supplied by Sir Hugh Allan, and Mr. Beaubien admits it—admits, at any rate, that he got \$7,000 from Sir Hugh—after his election was over, mark—to assist him to pay his expenses. He admits that he gave a receipt for it, and though that receipt, in promising that the money shall be refunded within one year by the receiver, does so under the proviso that it be not repaid before that time "along with other sums advanced for the election," yet not a word is asked about the "other sums" or how they were going to be paid. What were these sums, and who was going to repay them, along with Mr. Beaubien's \$7,000, within one year? Now take all these facts and put them together, adding thereto the admission, the hon. gentleman foolishly makes, that Sir George Cartier was not opposed to his election at last, though very strongly at the outset. According to Sir Hugh Allan's statement, it was not till he found the election going against him that Sir George consented to support Sir Hugh in his pretensions to the Pacific job. It was then that Sir Hugh's money-bags became open to men like Beaubien; and it was then that Sir George Cartier no longer opposed Mr. Beaubien. Here is further proof of the existence of the bargain which Mr. McMullen alleges was arrived at when Sir George found the election going against him. Mr. Beaubien was said by Mr. De Bellefeuille to have given his note for \$7,000, but nobody asked him at what time this note was given—whether it was not after the Government and Sir Hugh had reason to fear that their game was up? This is a most important point.

Hon. Messrs. Campbell and Mitchell, together with Mr. Burpee, are witnesses to-day before the Royal Commission. Sir John is down for Tuesday, when, if the course of events be not interrupted, there will be a rehearsal of the farce of "these hands are clean."
 In view of an early election for the Commons by reason of the rumoured acceptance of a lucrative office by Mr. Angus Morrison, both sides are up and doing. The Reformers are alive to the necessity of immediate and united action. Several really good men are spoken of, those most prominently being Messrs. J. M. Currie and Calvin Brown, of St. Catharines; Messrs. Celemet Servos Brown, and Woodruff, of Niagara town and township. These gentlemen are all natives of the riding.
 Hon. Geo. Brown was at the Globe office again to-day.
 Dame Rumor says his mission to the old country was not unattended with good results in opening the eyes of Downing street officials to the corruption and unscrupulousness of Her Majesty's advisers in this Province.

Special Notices.
 Every one who has seen the Great Estey Cottage Organ pronounce it the Queen of all Organs. Call at the Arcade of Music, Guelph, and see for yourselves.
 Parties attending the Exhibition are invited to call and see the Great Estey Organ and others at the Arcade of Music, Guelph.

DIED
 WORSLEY—At Guelph, on the 15th inst., George Worsley, aged 76 years.
 The funeral will take place from his late residence (near Col. Higinbotham's) on Wednesday, at one o'clock p.m. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

EXECUTOR'S SALE—
Farm Property in Sullivan.
 There will be offered for sale by Public Auction by the Executors of the Will of the late John Stewart, of Guelph, Produce Merchant, at the Market House, in the Town of Guelph, on WEDNESDAY, the third day of September next (the Fair Day) at 2 o'clock, p.m., the following property, viz: Lot No. 22 in the Seventh concession of the Township of Sullivan in the County of Grey, containing 200 acres more or less.
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 Guelph, Aug. 4th, 1873.

Postponed.
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