

decided that Monteith was getting too tony; he needed a taking down. It mattered not that he was a good representative and a splendid minister of agriculture. He was defeated at the polls.

The late Dr. Barr, who was member for Dufferin in both the Ontario and Dominion houses for years, was only defeated once in his career. That was when the patron movement was in its hey-day, and a farmer candidate was successful. The next election Dr. Barr was again at the head of the polls.

He used to like to tell how it happened. "The wife of the patron member," said the doctor, "purchased a seal-skin coat. It aroused the jealousy of every woman in the township. They thought Mrs. ——— was getting too big-feeling now that her husband was a member.

"My wife wore a seal-skin too, but that didn't matter. She was the doctor's wife. The women persuaded their husbands to vote for me. In his home polls where the patron expected an overwhelming majority, I had an easy lead. It resulted in my return."

