

The Rev. John N. Lake, who draws \$1,000 per year as President of the American Watch Case Company of Toronto, swore that he knew it was wicked to run street cars on Sunday, but *he did not know* whether it was wicked or not to make gold-plated watch-cases and stamp them "Warranted 14k," or to stamp silver-plated cases "Perfection Coin Silver."

The Rev. Lake's wife is a large stock-holder in the Watch Case Co., as are three other Toronto ministers and their wives. Comment would be superfluous.



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watch cases, rings, etc. But that "job lot" of brawlers, the Tory Government at Ottawa, refused the very reasonable request, because of the "financial arguments" taken to Ottawa and given to the Ministers by those two birds of "ill omen," (to the jewelry trade of Canada), Mr. W. K. McNaught and M. C. Ellis, of P. W. Ellis & Co., Toronto, the same gentlemen who, *under oath*, stated that "Warranted 14k," stamped on watch cases, etc., was only intended to denote the quality of plate or gilt with which the cases, etc., were covered. So stated those two good Tories, the two vultures out of the one egg, W. K. McNaught and M. C. Ellis.

In 1892, the pamphlet was issued exposing the president and managers of the so-called American Watch Case Co. for turning out *dishonest* watch cases. (This was clearly proven in both trials; in the first the majority of the jury agreed that Mr. Doll was justified in all he had stated as to the dishonesty of the Company's cases.) With 35 per cent. protection, it pointed out that this combination of Tories stole their name American Watch Case Co. and the stamps on their cases from the genuine or reputable United States manufacturers; and that they manufacture watch cases stamped "Mohawk" which imitated in all but quality the United States made "Montauk"; and that they made so-called "Solid Gold Eagle Cases" (ladies' size), which imitated in all *but quality* the United States made Eagle cases; and that they stamped "Perfection Coin Silver" on watch cases that are nearly all "base metal" or really "only silver plated"; and that they manufacture, among others too numerous to mention, gentlemen's size watch cases stamped "Warranted 14k. U. S. Assay" that are really only "gold plated."

It was truly stated that between manufacturing such watch cases and making counterfeit money there was absolutely no difference, except that the one is legalized and encouraged by the "National Policy" and the other is not; morally they are the same.