

sequently appeared, that the writ of prohibition had actually issued, that, therefore, no recount could be held, or any proceedings taken to seat Mr. King, Mr. Ellis used in the first article the following words :

" People who know something about the course of political events were not surprised when they read in the papers this morning that Mr. Justice Tuck had issued a writ of prohibition to Judge Steadman of the County Court, prohibiting him from proceeding to recount the ballots in the Queen's election. A trick by which the voice of the majority in Queen's is silenced is condemned all over the country in unmistakable terms as a flagrant outrage upon popular rights, and as a grossly immoral transaction. The appeal to Judge Steadman for a judicial reconsideration was made to a man of fair and honest judgment, who, if he had political leanings at all, would have them toward the Conservative party, but to whom the people generally would trust to do what was fair. He might, therefore, be safely allowed to examine into the whole matter, and to do justice. *But it is not justice that is wanted, and, therefore, Judge Tuck intervenes.* This whole business, as it stands before the country to-day, is a scandal and an outrage of the most abominable character. It is an outrage upon the electorate, and a disgrace to institutions alleged to be free. It is the worst blow public liberty and public morality have yet received, and no effort should be left untried by the friends of free institutions to prevent the foul deed which Baird and his allies are seeking to perpetrate on the country."

In a second article he wrote as follows :

" A judge assumes, if he does not usurp, the power to prevent a full investigation of the matter in time to remedy the evil, and the boast is made that two years must elapse before the man chosen by the majority can take his seat. Can justice and right and principle be trampled down with impunity ? There has just been an appeal to the people, out of which the administration has come weak and panting. Can it regain strength in the country through fraud of returning officers ? *Can partisan judges give it vitality, degrading the ermine in its interest ?* We have every confidence that free institutions, if left to themselves, will purify themselves ; but the assumption of power by officials and *the prostitution of judicial authority for the purposes of party* are sufficient to weaken the foundation of the strongest faith in freedom."