

among—politicians, from carrying the threats into execution. Their candidate contented himself with remarking on declaration day that he must submit to the cash verdict, that he was more sorry for the country than for himself, that he was thankful to his friends and proud of the great moral victory they had gained, and that they would hear from him again. He was conquered, but not subdued.

Mr. Smiler thanked his supporters for their aid, disputed Snike's claim to the great moral victory, referred to the honest, unbought element in the constituency, and assured the people that they would hear from him again.



A brief newspaper war followed the election; and a man with a mania for statistics calculated that there were, in the collective opinion of erudite editors all over the Dominion, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine causes which led directly to the victory of Spike and the defeat of Snike. The aforesaid statistician added eleven causes on his own account, in order to have a neat two thousand; and mentioned, among others, confederation, the landing of the Loyalists, the discovery of America and Alcohol, and the fact that Spike received a majority of votes.

Then the election was placed on the editor's reference list, excitement gradually waned, and the ruin of Canada and the end of the world took another leap into the future. N.B.—The recent revelations at Ottawa and Quebec have

caused a profound sensation at Riverton and vicinity. Little else is talked of. Among those most deeply affected are the man with a moral influence in Pokeville and the gentleman whose conscience would not permit him to support the party of which Mr. Spike was the standard bearer. The man with the strictly moral influence in Pokeville has been heard to declare that if this is the sort of politics we are going to have in Canada he will take his innocent children with him and go like Abraham in search of a country; while the conscientious gentleman, in a prayer meeting recently, took occasion publicly to direct the attention of the Ruler of the Universe to the awful inroads sin is making in the ranks of those who should be men of light and leading in this Canada of ours. A half-witted fellow, who does odd jobs around Riverton, working by the day—a shiftless sort of fellow who would not have sense enough to pick up a ten dollar bill if he saw it lying around—narrowly escaped lynching for having expressed views entirely out of accord with those of the community at large. This idiot declared that the big boodlers at Ottawa and Quebec got their training among the little boodlers down in the towns and counties, and were simply doing what they had the warrant of the electors—and their example too—to do. He further declared, with rascally hardihood, that if men were not eager to be bought down in the constituencies there would be no dishonourable traffic in Ottawa or Quebec—that the whole crowd were tarred with the same stick—and unless reform began in the counties it would never be effective at the capital.



As he richly deserved, the fellow was driven out of town and chased with pike-poles and pitchforks twenty-five miles into the woods.

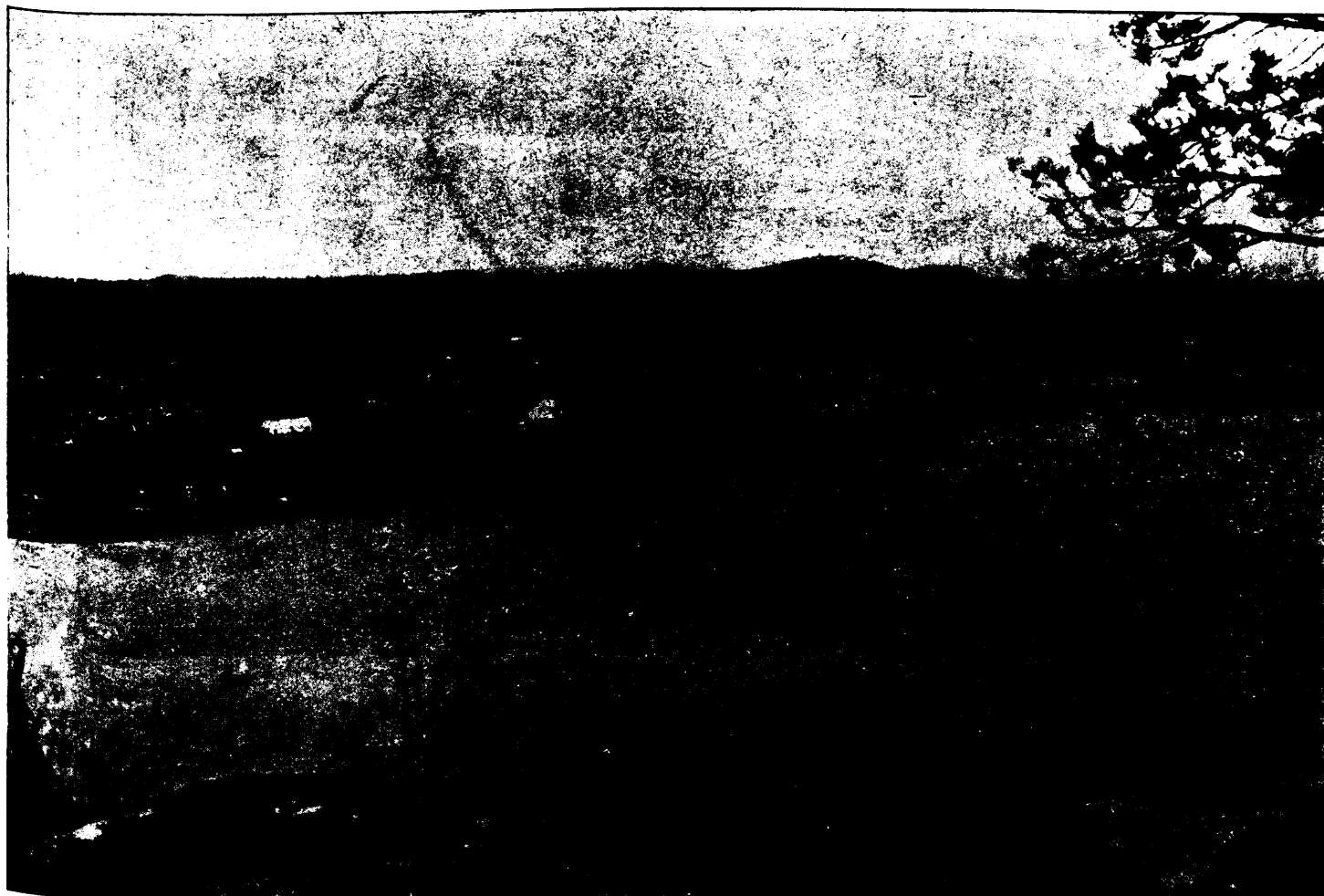
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### Stick to Facts.

We notice that several enthusiastic Chicago Canadians have written to editors across the line stating that Chicago has a Canadian population of 80,000. This is a gross exaggeration. She hasn't 50,000. She may have 40,000, but we doubt it. We prefer, however, to await the census returns before refusing her the latter number. But large as the Canadian colony, the English and Scotch colony is larger. How is this accounted for? Is it because this is the leader of high tariff nations, and Canada's tariff is only a weak imitation of ours; this country being more attractive in consequence? Or is it because England and Scotland have nothing to offer her young men who are after fame and fortune; no attraction to hold them to their native land? If Young Canada felt no desire to see the world he would stay at home. He sees a good deal of it in Chicago and he comes here for that purpose. Tariffs, high or low, will not keep him at home while there is the least disposition to rove. One must look elsewhere for the motives that conduce to the movement out of Canada. The desire to be "on the move," has a great deal to do with the exodus, and the race comes honestly by that roving spirit which leads some of its members to pull up stakes and seek new pastures.—*Chicago Canadian American.*

### Six Years' Wrangle over a Will.

Six years ago a man in New Jersey left by will \$12,000 to Mr. Henry George for the dissemination of "single tax" literature. The will was contested and got into the hands of the lawyers, who have had a six years' wrangle over its contents. As a result Mr. George has finally received \$318 and the heirs to the estate \$296. The remainder, i.e., \$11,386 has gone to the lawyers. A good illustration, says an American paper, of "progress and poverty" except from the legal standpoint.



CHICOUTIMI VILLAGE, SAGUENAY RIVER, P.Q., IN 1868.