

### The Dominion Opposition.

The Mail of Friday says:—We are quite sure it will be learned with regret that Sir John Macdonald has determined to withdraw from the leadership of the Opposition in the House of Commons. A recent illness has shaken his health so much, we are sorry to say, that he feels quite unequal to discharging the onerous duties of the position. His numerous friends throughout the Dominion will deeply regret this necessity, but will acquiesce in any course that may be requisite to enable Sir John to regain the full measure of his health and strength.

### Charles and Arthur.

Not the least interesting of the many curious episodes of the Tichborne trial is the confession made by Charles Orton, brother of the claimant, and published in the London Daily Telegraph. It is a remarkable illustration of the cloud of falsehood and roguery which has gathered about this case, and from out of which the judge and jury have had to grope their way to a truthful verdict. There is a great deal of "human nature" about this confession of Charles Orton's, and it bears marks of truth on the face of it. The gist of the confession is that Charles Orton knew all along that the man claiming to be Sir Roger Tichborne was in reality his own brother Arthur Orton, that the latter bribed him into silence, and that when the supply of hush-money ceased, Charles told all he knew to his brother's opponents. An unmitigated rascal, one would say; yet he seems not to have been altogether mercenary. There appears to have been a sort of family *esp. et du corps* mixed up with his desire for selfish gain. He seems to have felt that he would be glad for his brother to obtain a splendid prize like the Tichborne estates, but that he ought to have a little share of the pickings for himself. He was at the time keeping a small butcher's shop in Wapping. His sister, Mrs. Tredgett, was receiving hush-money from the claimant; and Charles thus relates his first attempt to get some for himself:—

My sister told me that Arthur had sent her a letter with a £5 note in it, together with word that so long as she was careful and kept her own counsel he would send the like sum every month, to help keep the two sisters, who were living together. Well, I waited, thinking, perhaps, that I might hear from my brother Arthur. Business at the butcher's shop was very bad, and I thought that if £5 notes were so plentiful he might send me one or two. So, finding that he didn't take any notice of me, I wrote to him, getting his address at Croydon from Mrs. Tredgett. I addressed him as Sir Roger Tichborne, and put it to him in this way. Says I, "I hear that you know where my brother Arthur is, and that you know him to be a rich man. Will you kindly send me his address, as I should like to write to him asking if he can give me a little assistance?" Well, no answer came to this. I was very hard up at the time, and after thinking about it, and of what I had by this time heard as to what it was my brother was doing, I took advice of my partner as to why I shouldn't make a move towards getting a little money out of the matter. I didn't like to go about it for fear I might injure my sisters, who, I knew, were receiving their £5 in a regular manner.

Apparently offended by Arthur's unbrotherly neglect, Charles resolved that he would offer his services to the other side, and made known his intention to a friend of the claimants, Mrs. Pittendreich. This had the desired effect:—

Nothing came of it all next day, but on the following day there came a letter with the Croydon postmark. It was not a letter exactly, but an odd scrap of white paper, on which was written these words: "Why should you injure one that never did harm to you? I shall send you £1 a day or two what you require. Desist." The last word "Desist" was wrote where the signature should have been, but it didn't want any signature for me to be able to identify it to as my brother Arthur's writing. Well, the very next morning there came another letter like-wise with the Croydon postmark, and with a £5 note in it, and a scrap of paper written on these words: "I shall allow you this sum every month at present." It was my brother's Arthur's writing. Amongst ourselves—my sisters and myself, I mean—there never was the shadow of a doubt who it was who was sending us the money. When we talked about it and about how he was getting on—quite by ourselves, of course—we never spoke of him but as Arthur, though so many at that time were beginning to call him Sir Roger Tichborne.

Charles continued to receive \$25 a month regularly, and changed his residence once or twice at the bidding of the same unsigning writer. He was told "that the money I was receiving was quite enough for me to live on at present, and that, if I was careful as to what I was about, when the case was over there would be no lack of money, and if I wanted a thousand or two, why I should have it." It seems that the fat rascal Arthur was to be very liberal with other people's money—if he got it. Charles felt curious to see his brother, and managed to get a glimpse of him at his Croydon house. In connection with this the following spicy incident is related:—

I wasn't the only one of his relations that went to Croydon uninvited. His sister, Mrs. Captain Jury, did so just after he went to live there, and the door was opened by the nursemaid, who had one of the claimant's children in her arms; on which Mrs. Captain Jury exclaimed, "Lord! what a regular little Orton!" Arthur refused to see her. He said he was ill; but he afterwards sent a letter to Elizabeth, begging that it might not happen again.

Charles was then called upon by the other side to see if he could not identify the pretended Sir Roger as

his brother, first by means of his portrait, and then in *propria persona*. The cool, impudent lying that took place on these occasions is thus narrated by the lesser scamp:—

When I saw the photograph that the solicitor showed me I knew it in an instant, but I also knew that it wasn't expected of me to say so; so when the solicitor said to me, "Do you see any resemblance between this gentleman and your brother Arthur?" I said "No."

I went, knowing, of course, what was expected of me, and having made up my mind what I should do. When I got to plaintiff's solicitor's office there were two gentlemen there—Captain Angel and Colonel Lushington. Sitting in another chair was my brother Arthur, but he did not move when I went in. He just raised his eyes to my face once and then he looked away and never looked at me again, and never said a word. "Do you know this gentleman?" I was asked, and said, "No," just as I had said concerning the portrait. Then I came out, and I was asked this time to swear an affidavit; but I said I would rather not, but that I had no objection to sign a statement.

Here is a specimen of the dodging knavery that was used by the claimant and his tools. It occurred some months after the foregoing:—

Next day I wrote a letter addressed to Sir Roger Tichborne, saying that he need not be at all doubtful of me while he acted by me as he promised, and that if he was afraid to send the usual money in the usual way, for fear of the name of Orton being on the envelope, that I would change my name and call myself Mr. Brand, which was my wife's maiden name. I asked him to send me some money as soon as he possibly could. In a day or two a railway porter came with a little parcel, and asked for Mrs. Brand. My landlord opened the door and said no such person was living there, but I overheard it, and said it was for me. It was two sovereigns and a half wrapped in blotting paper, in a sort of a pill-box.

The end is soon told. Hush-money came more and more irregularly, until at last it ceased altogether. Charles had given up his business and had nothing to live upon. He wrote imploring letters to his brother, without effect. After holding out until the brokers came into his house to seize his furniture for debt, he gave up, made a clean breast of it in an affidavit, thus giving an important contribution to the evidence that ultimately overthrew the claimant's case. The concluding words of Charles's confession are characteristic:—

After I had made the affidavit I wrote to Mrs. Tredgett begging her to consider the matter and make a clean breast of it as I had done, but all the answer she sent back was that I was a cowardly cur, and that was the last I heard of her.

The experience of Arthur Orton and his assistants in building and trying to sustain a huge fabric of fraud and perjury is not encouraging to future architects in the same direction.

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