

But the Bill introduced by Mr Whitney had the very serious defect that it lacked any provision for indemnity to witnesses who speak the truth in connection with electoral corruption. The Attorney-General, however, introduced into his Bill the provisions of the English law with respect to indemnity to witnesses and as a consequence any witness who, in the opinion of the Court answers truly all questions put to him, whether such questions incriminate him or not, will be relieved of the consequences of his acts. Thus a premium is put upon *truth* and not upon falsehood, a result which Mr. Whitney's Bill would not have promoted but would have retarded. Without indemnity to truthful witnesses, the punishments already provided for electoral offences were too severe and were proposed to be made more so by Mr. Whitney. Had his suggestions been adopted the desire of an offender to shield himself by falsehood would only have been increased, the securing of convictions made more difficult, and the cause of electoral purity thrown back.

HOW THE CONSERVATIVES WIN ELECTIONS.

"The Toronto World" gives some hints as to how the Tories work.

W. F. McLean, M.P. (Conservative), proprietor of *The World*, Toronto, was a candidate for the office of mayor of the City of Toronto in January, 1902. His opponent was O. A. Howland, ex-M.P.P., and one of the leading Conservatives of the Province. Mr. McLean was defeated, and on Wednesday morning, January 8, 1902, *The World* gave prominence to the following:—

"The Surest Way."

"Are you a worker in that sub-division?"

"Yes, I can handle it."

"How much will it cost?"

"Two hundred dollars."

"And you will guarantee to keep the vote even for that?"

"Yes."

"All right. Here is the money. But do you see this other hundred dollar bill?"

"Yes."

"And you know this gentleman here?"

"Yes, I know him and can trust him."

"Well, I am going to give the hundred dollars to him, and if you make the majority in your division ten or better he will hand the bill to you when the count is made and the majority is shown."

"I understand, and I'll do it."