

Apparently the brand of liquor taken into the north country by the "**Alert**" was not of a quality to satisfy the palates of certain Conservative connoisseurs. "Ganton booze rotten" was the phrase used in one telegram, submitted in evidence, and which was sent, four days before the election, by Councillor H. D. McLean to J. C. Douglas, M.P.P.

Truly the North Victoria voters were hard to satisfy.

Philip MacLeod, the unseated, dishonored candidate, who so fondly won his seat as the result of the machinations of **McCurdy, Douglas, Muirhead, Hayes, et al**, admitted the trip to the North on the government boat "**Alert**", but pretended not to have known that any liquor was on board. He was immediately "flabbergasted" when confronted with the evidence of a Sydney truckman, who testified that **he wheeled two barrels of liquor, each full, down to the Government boat.**

The Captain of the "**Alert**", John Voltier, said that the boat was ready for a regular trip north January 20, but was **held up four days by order of Government Prevention Officer Young**, for "passengers", including the candidate himself, Dr. Hayes, Councillor McNeil, and others.

Nova Scotia's most amazing election trial opened in the little Baddeck court-room, November 4, and in the first three days' sessions, Conservative lawyers made three separate and distinct efforts to thwart the ends of justice. J. A. McLaren, K.C., for the respondent, asked that the seat be declared vacant and the election voided, because his client was willing to plead guilty to knowledge of a technical violation of the election law: to wit, paying for the driving of one infirm voter to the polls. It was to laugh, and Mr. Justice Russell, an "upright and honest judge", defeated the scheme by ordering the trial to proceed. He made a similar ruling on Nov. 5, and Nov. 6, **much to the Conservatives' discomfiture.**

Bribery and Corruption Rampant.

The offences of the Conservative party at this particular by-election may most easily be discussed under the following five heads:

Bribery, Treating, Personation, Intimidation, General Corruption.

Most amazing was the story unfolded before Mr. Justice Russell, and in no phase of it was the cause of Conservatism given a more ruthless exposure than in the allegations of **bribery.**

One of the leading witnesses at the trial was Councillor Joseph **McNeil**, of Bay St. Lawrence, who asked the "protection of the court". He had been given a roll of bills, at least \$50 or \$75, which he was to spend on the election. He testified that he gave