

their relief, authorizing a revaluation of the lands in Proton and Melancthon to enable him to meet the difficulty and make just and fair allowance to the complaining settlers. At the recommendation of Mr. COLVIN, a member of the House, and a supporter of the Administration, and a number of other prominent Conservatives, the writer, in consequence of his great experience in valuing timber and lands, was appointed valuator. Having completed the work and sent in his report to the Crown Lands Office, he was paid up, and returned to his previous avocation. Not long after the defeat of JOHN SANDFIELD MACDONALD's Government a new election was ordered in South Grey. Mr. LAUDER having been unseated, as before stated, it was thought desirable by some of the leading members of the Reform party that his second return should, if possible, by honest means, be prevented. In conversation with Mr. A. OLIVER on the subject, the writer suggested that he thought LAUDER's defeat could be effected, and thought he should like to take part in the canvass. This fact was communicated by Mr. OLIVER to Mr. McKELLAR, and a number of the members of the House, and accordingly Mr. McKELLAR addressed a letter to the writer, soliciting him, as an old Reformer, to proceed to South Grey and canvass for the Government candidate, Mr. DICKY. This invitation was accepted, and the writer on his way to South Grey, stopped at the American Hotel for the night. After retiring Mr. McKELLAR came to the hotel and waited upon him in his bedroom. The South Grey election was discussed, the writer suggesting that it was too late for him to be of any great service, as the election would come off in two or three days, it being then Christmas Eve. Mr. McKELLAR thought otherwise, and the writer then decided to go on to Grey. Mr. McKELLAR in the course of the conversation said that the policy of the Government towards the South Grey settlers, would be based on the same liberal principles that they had advocated when in opposition. With this the writer was satisfied. Mr. McKELLAR promised nothing more in reference to the settlers, and he was the only member of the Govern-

ment I saw, or with whom I had any communication on the subject of the South Grey election. It was then arranged that the writer should leave Toronto for South Grey the next morning, to assist in canvassing in the interest of Mr. DICKY, the Reform candidate. As to what took place in South Grey during the two days he (the writer) was there canvassing, will presently be seen from the most incontrovertible evidence to be adduced. As before stated the "Proton Outrage" became the subject of exciting discussion on the floor of the House, after Mr. LAUDER's return, he having been successful in his election in South Grey.

At length on the 2nd of Feb. 1872, the following resolution, moved by Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE, passed the House by a vote of 43 to 18

"That A. W. LAUDER, Esq., a member of the House, having stated in his place that he had in his possession certain affidavits of JOHN McDOWELL, JOHN ABBOTT, WILLIAM HUGHES, WILLIAM ROBINSON and JOHN MAY, and a letter from RICHARD LUDLOW, to said A. W. LAUDER, copies whereof were published in the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper in January, 1872, to the effect that JOHN W. LEWIS, during the late election in South Grey, told some of the electors that he was authorized by the Government and by the Hon. E. BLAKE to make certain statements, and to give certain pledges, a select Committee be appointed; to inquire into, and report on the matters stated in said documents and into the circumstances connected with the alleged improper interference of LEWIS in the election, and the authority on which he so acted; such Committee to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to report the evidence taken by them; and such Committee consist of Messrs. RYKERT, PARDEE, MACDONALD (Leeds), GALBRAITH, BOUTER and PRINCE."

The Committee thus appointed having summoned numerous witnesses on behalf of Mr. LAUDER, and against the writer and the Government, continued to hold a succession of meetings till the close of the session, examining only such witnesses as were called by Mr. LAUDER. The accused being advised by his friends in the House, Messrs. WELLS, McKELLAR and PARDEE, that it would be most advisable to allow all—Messrs. LAUDER & Co's witnesses—to be called and examined prior to calling any