

The Stratford *Beacon* has been talking nonsense about getting Mr. Mowat to retaliate for the dismissal of Grit office holders by the Dominion government. The *Times* points out that the registry office of North Perth is what the *Beacon* man is after, and calls his attention to the fact that while that is about the only office in Perth which is the gift of the local government and which is not already filled by a Grit, there are quite a number of Grit officials whose offices are in the control of the Dominion government. It would thus appear that retaliation is not a good kind of game for Perth Grits to play.—*Guelph Herald*.

The Indian producer is complaining of the duty imposed on Indian coffee at English ports. In both England and France, who are the largest consumers, Indian coffee is subject to very heavy duties, 14s. per cwt. in England, and 166f. the 100 kilogrammes in France when imported direct, an addition of 20f. being made when the importation is made indirectly. The duty of 156f. is equal to a rate of £3 5s. 5d. per cwt. which is, in fact, not much short of 100 per cent. on the value of Indian coffee. The English duty is at the rate of about 15 per cent. *ad valorem*. It is observed, as a singular anomaly, that the United States, with their immensely protective tariff, set a good example to free trade England in this matter, for they admit coffee in the berry free of duty.

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