

A FEW WORDS ON THE LATE SEWING MACHINE CONTROVERSY.

Some months back, a long discussion appeared in the Montreal Newspapers respecting the merits of the Wanzer Machine. The proprietors of this Machine spent some \$3000 in advertising, and crowded the columns of our City papers for the purpose of thrusting themselves into notoriety, and that at the expense of all competitors. We spent some \$120 in advertising a few replies to their extravagant puffs.

In their last communication, they publicly boast that they had been using us for their own purpose, and that being served, they say, "*For our part, we are done with you. We are thoroughly satisfied with the result of our joint advertising. . . . We do not see that you can be of any further use to us.*" This badgering being in keeping with all their former offensive productions, only recoiled upon themselves, but did not in the least move us. We felt that we could well afford to bide our time and wait the issue of events.

They upbraided us for not appearing at the Provincial Exhibition. No doubt it would have answered their purpose right well for us to have done so, and for this simple reason;—according to a very absurd and unprecedented rule of these Canadian Exhibitions, no article of foreign manufacture, is allowed to be put into competition with those produced within the Province. Hence, the very best Machine of any kind that the ingenuity of man could frame, or the world could produce, if exhibited in these Provincial Shows, could not take even the lowest prize offered, while at the same time, a thoroughly worthless machine, if manufactured in Canada, may, and often does, carry off the highest prize. Would honorable men, in the face of this fact, attempt to make it appear to the public, that we were afraid of coming into competition with them? This is one illustration of the way Messrs. Wanzer & Co. throw dust into people's eyes. No doubt they did entertain the hope that we should exhibit. Had we been silly enough to have done so, they would have gone before the public, as they have had the dishonesty to do before, with a flourish of trumpets, proclaiming that they had carried off the first prize, while competing against the Wheeler & Wilson Machines.

Messrs. Wanzer & Co. in one of their announcements, publicly stated that large numbers of parties who were in possession of the Wheeler & Wilson Machines, were offering them at a greatly reduced price, as part payment, in exchange for the Wanzer Machine, and that to such an extent, that they had at length been compelled to decline taking in any more of the Wheeler & Wilson Machines at any price. Believing this statement to be a pure fabrication, we proposed to allow them five dollars profit on all Machines thus bartered, but there has been no response! And why? Simply because the entire statement was a cunning invention of their own brain, and had no foundation in fact.

We have already said, that when Messrs. Wanzer boastingly published that they had no further use for us, we were resolved to bide our time and wait the