

and failing to get what he wants he turns Queen's evidence against his partners in guilt; takes \$20,000, with promise of as much more to hush up the transaction, pretends to do so by returning the implicative letters of which he sells the copies for still larger sums. The course he has taken is the meanest one can think of. Still that does not destroy the value of his evidence, about which there is considerable apparent truthfulness, even though we should admit that there is a dovetailing of unrelated facts to suit the purpose he has in view. As we hold that so far Sir J. A. McDonald has not been proved guilty of any written compact with Sir Hugh Allan, save as given in the telegram of Sir John to Sir Hugh, and that all that has been proved against him so far, is the acceptance of large pecuniary aid from one who cherished from the Government of which Sir John was the head, "great expectations," we do not deem it necessary to sift the McDonald letters. There may be a mixing up of telegrams and drafts, with transactions to which they are unrelated. The progress of the examination may shew how much truth and how much fiction are held together by this witness. Meanwhile we take his revelations only so far as they have been admitted or corroborated by the other parties to the transactions under review.

The low ideas of morality among our public men, and especially among those who have been elevated to the honours of knighthood by the Sovereign, are mournful to think of. Here are three Knights—a fourth has passed away—who have been evidently convicted of political corruption, and another honourable gentleman who has become the receiver of stolen goods which he has used for his own political advantage. We should be able to look up to men whom it has pleased the Sovereign to elevate above the rank of their fellows, by titles of honour, but they have deprived all right thinking minds of ability to consider them as entitled to respect.

It is just announced, by telegraph, that Newfoundland is about to ask admission into the Dominion. Should she do so, she will be most gladly received; not only as completing and rounding the Dominion, but as bringing aid and comfort to the present Government. The representatives of Prince Edward Island will go for Sir John, as they expect to get more from him than they would from the Grits. They honestly confess that they take very little interest in the "scandal" case. What they want is aid and comfort to the tight little island. If Newfoundland could be got in just now in time to give aid to Sir John, it would without doubt do so. Sir John is liberal, has large views, and is just the man to push forward great undertakings. Apart from his aid to bribery, and his consequent obligation to the great moneyed briber, we do not see that there is much wrong in his conduct. One thing is certain, he was bound to see Sir Hugh Allen President of the Pacific Railway. Well we know what that means. Sir John says it was a thirteenth part interest in the Company. There are some