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London, Tuesday, May 10.

THE LONDON ELECTION STEAL  
CONDONED.Last night Sir John Thompson called  
upon his followers in the House of Com-  
mons to vote down the following motion,  
proposed by Mr. Lister, M.P.:"That a copy of the petition laid upon  
the table of this House from Thomas Hobbs  
and others, complaining of the conduct of  
William Elliot, Esq., county judge of  
Middlesex, in relation to the revision of the  
voters' list for the electoral district of the  
city of London, be forthwith furnished him  
for his information, and to enable him to  
make such statement or answer to the  
charges therein contained as he may deem  
proper, and that the said petition and any  
answer as the said judge may make be  
referred to a special committee of this  
House to inquire into the truth of the  
several allegations therein, with a view of  
finding whether such charges should be in-  
vestigated by a commission."To any one acquainted with the facts of  
the case, and willing to consider them in  
an impartial manner, this action must be  
regarded as altogether unwarranted. The  
motion had for its foundation the belief of  
over one-half of the people of London that  
the seat in the House of Commons now oc-  
cupied by Mr. Carling was stolen from Mr.  
Hyman, who was elected by a majority of  
22 of the legal votes cast, and it was sup-  
ported by sworn testimony that Judge El-  
liot, whose action after the election con-  
stituted the outrage, had acted after the  
part of a partisan. The petition to Par-  
liament recited these facts, which were  
indorsed by Mr. Lister, on his responsibility  
as a member of Parliament, and yet even the  
simple preliminaries to an investigation are  
denied. The only interpretation that can be  
put upon this burlesque expedient is that  
Sir John Thompson and Mr. Carling know that  
they dare not risk the holding of an impartial  
inquiry.The defenders of the outrage in Parlia-  
ment have not attempted to meet the facts.  
They have contented themselves with  
abusing the reputable citizens who, for the  
purpose of getting the case before Parlia-  
ment, signed the petition for an inquiry.  
We tell the advocates of this scandalous  
transaction that those citizens of London  
are fully as respectable as either Judge El-  
liot, Mr. Carling, or the special pleaders who  
rose in the House to oppose investigation. We  
tell them further that their view that there  
has been a gross failure of justice in this  
city, by the direct connivance of Judge El-  
liot and Mr. Carling, protected by the  
infamous Franchise Act which gives no ap-  
peal to a higher court from the county  
judge, is supported by over one-half of the  
people of London, as well as by the judg-  
ment of two county judges and six Superior  
Court judges.With these facts before them, the honest  
public will be astounded at the decree of  
Sir John Thompson, and at the servile  
attitude of his followers. That they may  
keep Mr. Carling in a seat to which he is  
not entitled, these men are contented to  
leave the grave charges against a judge  
uninvestigated, and to show that they  
care neither for the independence of the  
bench nor for the welfare of the common  
people.We leave it to the independent electors  
of Canada to say whether this method of  
smothering up accusations so grave, so  
circumstantially made, so strongly sup-  
ported, is in accord with the view that the  
public interests shall be paramount in the  
administration of justice, and that no  
charge against officers of the Crown shall be  
left uninvestigated.The motion for investigation has been  
voted down, but the end is not yet.

## DR. LANDERKIN STAYS.

Dr. Landerkin, M.P. for South Grey, is  
one of the ablest members in the House.  
His many friends will congratulate him on  
the fact that the appeal against his election  
has been dismissed by the Supreme Court,  
and he is confirmed in his seat. First, an  
attempt was made to steal his seat by  
tampering with the ballots between the  
date of the election and the recount. Next,  
came the resort to the election court. There  
the doctor triumphed. Finally, the Supre-  
me Court was tried, but the enemy aban-  
doned the case without hearing. A big  
hole will be made in the Red Parlor  
fund before all the expenses are paid by  
the genial doctor's opponents. They  
might better have borne an honorable de-  
feat with equanimity.WHAT SIR JOHN THOMPSON WAS  
AFRAID TO INVESTIGATE.In view of the fact that Sir John Thomp-  
son has been influenced by Mr. Carling and  
his friends to refuse the necessary prelimi-  
nary proceedings to a thorough investigation  
of the London seat steal, it is well for the  
people to be reminded once more of the  
main facts that an impartial tribunal would  
have to consider if the case was brought  
before them. The ADVERTISER will refresh  
the minds of its readers with the following  
fair and undeniable statement of facts:1. That two county judges (Judges  
Price and Wilkinson, of Kingston and  
Napane respectively) admitted notices,  
presented by Conservative agents, much  
less complete than the London Liberal  
notice, and decided the cases brought be-  
fore them on their merits, their one desire  
being to keep on every good name and  
score off every bad name, without regard  
to technicalities.2. That Revising Officer Fraser, a Con-  
servative partisan, decided that the Liberal  
notice, though incomplete, were valid and  
capable of amendment.3. That they were amended as he de-  
sired.4. That in their original shape the  
notices were held to be good by Chief  
Justice Armour, Mr. Justice Street, and  
Mr. Justice Falconbridge, in the Court of  
Queen's Bench.5. That in their unamended condition  
these notices were held to be good by Chief  
Justice Hagarty, Mr. Justice Macleannan  
and Mr. Justice Burton in the Court of  
Appeal. Thus the judges for and against  
the validity of the notices were:Declared the Liberal  
notices good.In Court of Queen's  
Bench:

Chief Justice Armour.

Mr. Justice Street.

Mr. Justice Falcon-  
bridge.

In Court of Appeal:

Chief Justice Hagarty.

Mr. Justice Burton.

Mr. Justice Macle-  
nnan.

In County Courts:

Judge Price, Kingston.

Judge Wilkinson, Nap-  
ane.6. That all the persons appealed against  
under those notices had, in plenty of time  
before the day set by the revising officer for  
their trial, not only the first notice, but the  
notices decreed by the revising officer, served  
on them according to law.7. That the revising officer tried each of  
the cases in the same manner as he adopted  
towards the Liberals, but giving the  
Conservative applicants the benefit of every  
doubt.8. That the hearing of all cases in which  
those objected to did not appear was, at the  
instance of Conservative counsel, adjourned  
to enable them to make one final effort to  
establish their right to be on the list.9. That the Free Press, on Dec. 7, 1891,  
the final day for hearing the cases, contained  
this announcement:THE REVISION.  
On our eighth page we give the names of  
those voters whose cases will be called at the  
City Hall this morning, commencing at 11  
o'clock. They are standing at the request of  
the Conservatives, and unless they appear  
before 1 o'clock the Liberal lawyers will insist  
upon these names being removed from the list.10. That the suggestion that these men  
remained away on the advice of the same  
Conservative counsel was an afterthought  
to shore up subsequent action by Judge  
Elliot.11. That, when appealed to, Judge Elliot  
asserted that he had no power to interfere  
with the decision of the revising officer that  
the original Liberal notices were good, and  
capable of amendment.12. That in truth he had no right to up-  
set that decision, as the law explicitly con-  
firms that power upon the revising officer.13. That while the appeals were pending  
in the higher courts Judge Elliot on more  
than one occasion pretended to be waiting  
for their judgment so as to give decision in  
accordance with the views of his superiors,  
as has been the invariable practice of  
county court judges in Canada and in  
Great Britain.14. That a week before the election the  
Free Press, voicing the views of the Con-  
servative leaders in London, announced  
that they were eager for the decision of the  
Court of Appeal, that they intended to  
win the election without the "appealed"  
votes, and that the party never counted on  
them.15. That the Free Press had previously  
accepted the decision of the Court of  
Queen's Bench as fair to all parties.16. That it insisted that the views of the  
Court of Appeal should hold good unless  
upset by a higher court.17. That no higher court has upset the  
unanimous decision of the two Superior  
Courts in favor of the Liberals.18. That Mr. Hyman was elected M. P.  
for London by a majority of 22 on the  
voter's list as purged by the Conservative  
revising officer.19. That Judge Elliot, pretending to be  
waiting to respect and uphold the views of  
the Superior Courts, waited but to show  
his contempt for their judgment, and to  
count in Mr. Carling, which he was en-  
abled to do by the infamous Franchise Act.20. That while the case was before him,  
Judge Elliot wrote bitterly partisan edi-  
torial articles to the Free Press.21. That he expressed himself in the  
most violently partisan terms after the  
election and while the case was pending  
before him, asserting that Mr. Hyman  
would not get his seat.This statement was corroborated by Mr.  
Lister, by Mr. Mulock and by other mem-  
bers of Parliament on the floor of the  
House. Mr. Mulock read extracts from  
some of the alleged partisan writings of  
Judge Elliot published in the Free Press  
while the case was pending before him.He maintained that he possessed all  
the facts clearly showing that JudgeElliot was the writer of these partisan  
editorials, and he offered to show the  
affidavits to the Speaker if there was any  
doubt as to their authenticity. Despite  
this strong prima facie case inquiry has  
been buried, and Judge Elliot and Mr.  
Carling are told that their conduct does  
not call for review, no matter how out-  
rageous it has been. In no decision that he  
has tied his party to have Sir John Thomp-  
son been guilty of a more contemptible  
disregard for justice.Carried to its natural conclusion, a gerry-  
mander could forever suppress the will of  
the people, and give the reigning party a  
perpetual lease of power.—(Toronto Mail.)  
And it is for this reason that the ADVER-  
TISER opposes gerrymanders, and takes the  
ground that they should not be submitted  
to. They do not recognize British fair  
play.

## CONDEMNED BY A FRIEND.

The Ottawa Journal, through generally  
supporting the Dominion Administration,  
warmly commends the citizens of London  
who insist that an impartial investigation  
should be made into the extraordinary con-  
duct of Judge Elliot prior to and after last  
Dominion election. It says that under the  
provisions of the Dominion Franchise Act  
"nothing remained for the Liberals but the  
step which Mr. Lister is attempting in  
Parliament—the impeachment of the  
judge. Mr. Lister alleges a further fact,  
of which we know nothing, that during all  
this contesting in London Judge Elliot was  
writing Conservative articles in the Free  
Press, the Conservative paper there. The  
truth of this would be damning; but to our  
mind proof of it is not needed to cause  
honest Canadians to blush at the dishonor  
of the London Conservatives and of the  
county judge of Middlesex." These are  
strong terms, but they are warranted by  
the action of Sir John Thompson in calling  
upon his followers to vote down the fair  
proposition that the statements by the  
petitioners and the reply to them by Judge  
Elliot should be investigated with the view,  
if warrant is given, to their being con-  
sidered by a commission.Premier de Boucherville of Quebec an-  
nounces that he is about to retire to private

life.

It is suggested that Judge Elliot, of  
London, should name his own commissionto try his case. Why not have Judge Elliot  
act as chairman of the commission to try  
Sir Adolphe—(Kingston Whig.)Judge Elliot's defenders will not let his  
case come to investigation. Not because  
the charges against him are not strong  
enough; but because they are too strong.  
If the case had not been buried, it would  
be tried by a commission chosen by the  
judge's own friends, but even that is not  
regarded as a sure defense. Therefore, say  
they, let us bury it at the start.

## NO CHANCE THERE.

When it came to a question of further  
gerrymandering North Perth even our  
inventive Conservative friends were at a  
loss. As every municipality in the  
riding but two gave a majority to the  
Liberals at the general election, the only way  
to make North Perth safe was to put us  
all into North Oxford, except Milverton  
and Logan.

## "STATESMANSHIP."

(Toronto Mail.)

In every election the old policy is again  
cropping up. Not only are Opposition seats  
restricted out of existence, but when a  
Liberal makes a charge against a minister  
it is gerrymandered, and then he is called  
upon to prove it. This is the latest develop-  
ment of Canadian statesmanship.

## THE EXODUS.

[Stratford Beacon.]

No annexation is the shout of the re-  
sistance. But how about the practice? The  
list of voters for Stratford shows that  
since its final revision in December last—  
only four months ago—141 electors, many  
of whom have families, have left for the  
States. And, as to relate, 65 of these are  
blue-blooded Tories. How is that for an-  
nexation?

## THE TWO SIDES.

(Toronto Globe.)

Any young man should be proud to work  
with a party whose watchwords are free  
trade and the maintenance of free institu-  
tions; while the spectacle of a young Tory  
trying to work himself into a state of  
enthusiasm over the gerrymandering, the  
stealing of Mr. Hyman's constituency, the  
burking of inquiry, the restriction of trade  
and Mr. McNeill's bunkum British trade  
resolution is enough to make a good man  
weep.A "DEVIL-MAY-CARE" MINISTRY AT  
OTTAWA.(Toronto News, Independent Conservative.)  
The Ministry has become a joke; it has  
lost its keen regard for public opinion  
and has forgotten all about recent profes-  
sions. Officials have been pensioned or re-  
instated who should have been dismissed  
or sent to jail; a Minister has been allowed  
to retain his seat in the Cabinet and to  
take his place in the Commons whose sole  
title to office or emolument is such as a  
partisan judge, who has arrogated to him-  
self the place of a constituency, can give;  
and inquiry into grave charges was first  
refused and then granted only because of  
the significant warning given by the county  
of Wolland, and even then portions of the  
charges were struck out of the indictment.

## SAVING THE SCRAPS.

(Montreal Herald.)

"Waste not, want not," is a maxim that  
applies quite as much to corporate bodies  
as to individuals. Railway companies  
have not been behindhand in learning this  
lesson, and in every department are mak-  
ing the most of every scrap of waste pro-  
duct. Even the cotton waste which is used  
for wiping off the surplus oil from the  
engines is subjected to a process which ex-  
tracts the oil for use over again, while  
the remaining cotton is sold for making  
drains with smoke. In a vast railway system  
there is of course a great deal of waste iron—  
screws, bolts, nuts and bolts, and other  
hardware, which collect in quantities quite unbelieve-  
able by those unacquainted with the facts.  
The Grand Trunk authorities have for some  
time past been busy in getting rid of this  
material, and with the idea of effecting a great  
saving in steel rails, which they have hitherto  
imported. The new mills, which formpart of the St. Charles works, will be in  
full operation in the course of a few weeks.  
The building is fast nearing completion,  
and to the eye of a novice there appears  
little more to do."August  
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