

our readers be sufficiently ignorant not to know the signification of the letters Q. C. attached to a lawyer's name, let them learn that these are the initial letters of the Latin words *qui capit, magnam mercedem* being understood.) Contrary to all legal precedent the case was tried before a jury, composed of six most acute and intelligent jobber-knows. These gentlemen having been sworn Mr. Fallon proceeded to open the case for the prosecution. Mr. Moriarty entered the witness-box and began at once to prejudice the jury in his own favor. He swore that the respondent had embezzled the funds of the Farmers' Institute in his native town, and had been guilty of many other misdemeanors which should make him amenable to the law. The only matter on which this witness was not quite positive was his own identity; on this subject he was an Agnostic. On cross-examination he admitted that he had been a pedagogue. This should at once have rendered his evidence worthless but his Lordship allowed it to pass. Detective Ryan was next put upon the stand. He testified to the very good character of the petitioner and the very bad character of the respondent. Being cross-examined the witness denied ever having stolen shirts, collars, neckties or three cents stamps. Mr. Kirkpatrick's evidence was of a very *stable* character and filled the court with an exceedingly strong order. The atmosphere assumed a blue tinge, and a smell as of brimstone assailed the nostrils of all. Lastly Wolfremite Wheeler came forward. His evidence was of a very straightforward and circuitous nature, the statements made by him being diametrically opposite to one another. Owing to the fact that the new calendar had come into use but an hour before the sitting of the court, Mr. Wheeler was somewhat confused as to days and dates, but this was merely an accidental defect and did not affect the essence of his evidence. The witnesses for the defence were now brought forward, the notorious Lucretius French being first to enter the box. He was evidently a sceptic, whose first principle was that of universal doubt, for he could not be certain of anything, thus presenting a striking contrast to his rival whose opinions on all subjects but the one of his identity had been abnormally positive. Mr. French refused all "tips" and "pointers" from his counsel, and persisted in swearing to the truth in defiance of good sense and judgment. The result of his examination was most favorable to the cause of his opponent. Skobeloff McNally being called, denied that he was the same person with Simon McNally, the man who had stolen the pie; he seemed to regard this insinuation as a *pie*-ious fraud. Explained that it was altogether by accident that this pie came in contact with his unspeakables. Had "sit, fought and bled" in the Revolution; knew Mr. Moriarty and his witnesses, particularly Mr. Ryan to be persons of the most odious and insidious character, and Mr. French and friends to be martyrs to the cause of righteousness. This witness had evidently been well "primed" beforehand, as he foreswore himself with all possible glibness. Private Detective

Smith then took the stand in much fear and trembling. He had acted as agent for Mr. Moriarty in his election, had done all his facinorous work, and otherwise shown himself to be utterly void of principle. He had done this, however, in the interests of truth and justice, thus proving himself a gentleman of the nicest honor. Had bribed several voters for Mr. Moriarty; said voters, however, voted for Mr. French. Produced an official permit on which the date had been erased and another substituted to prove his having been in the city on a certain day. After Mr. Devine had testified, Mr. Phalen Q. C., on behalf of the respondent, addressed the jury a most bathetic appeal in which he stigmatized this conspiracy as more infamous than that of Catiline. This touching speech was greeted by the jurors with approving smiles. Mr. Fallon Q. C. then followed and showed most plainly the sophistries, fallacies and other erroneous arguments of the opposing counsel. He protested that he had not hurled epithets at the witnesses as he had been accused of doing. Hereupon the learned counsel was interrupted by Foreman Black, who wished to make the very pertinent inquiry whether this "hurling of epitaphs" was calculated to do bodily injury. When Mr. Fallon had finished, his Lordship arose and arranging his wig which was somewhat awry, began in a sonorous voice (they are enemies of his who say his Lordship's voice is shrill) to charge the jury. He pointed out to them that the evidence before them was so clear and so contradictory that they could not be mistaken in their judgment; remarked that the witnesses who had all perjured themselves had been proved to be "all honorable men" and therefore worthy of belief. The jury retired but were not long absent. When they returned the foreman read a decision which was evidently just and pre-determinate; "we find both petitioner and respondent guilty, but recommend the lawyers to the mercy of the court." His Lordship after having congratulated them upon their verdict, referred to an un repealed statute of Edward the Confessor and proceeded to pronounce the most rigorous sentence permitted by the law: "The petitioner and respondent shall be condemned to lose that which they hold most dear, *videlicet* their mustaches; it may not be generally known that they possess these hirsute appendages, but such is the case. As to the lawyers the recommendation to mercy cannot be heeded, and they must suffer the severest penalty, to wit, that they spend five hours in each other's society."

Thus ended a case the most celebrated since that of "The Crown *vs* Quigley."

*Queen's College Journal* is the handsomest of our Canadian contemporaries. The number for March 17th contains some excellent editorials, that on "Excessive Examinations" being particularly pointed. A lengthy account of the Inter-Collegiate Debate with Toronto University is doubtless of interest to many. The "Constitution of the English Class Room" seems to be a joke on one of the professors.