

doubtless did it with all the power of severe and eloquent speech which he was so well able to employ. I met my old Grammar School master,—Rev. George Wright,—retiring from the lobby, and he remarked as to the *philippic*, as he properly called it, and I went in and heard some part of it. I believe it filled up the entire sitting of the day, but it did not avail for effecting the intended purpose. The £500 were granted and Sir John got his £1,000 pension, but lived in its enjoyment but a few years.

In 1811 there was a general election for the Assembly, and I was elected one of the members for the County of Sydney, as it was then named, and for many years after; and which then combined the present Counties of Antigonish and Guysborough. There was a close and keen contest for the Speakership, and my friend, Mr. Wilkins, succeeded, by a small majority, in preference to Mr. Robie, his competitor. An extremely singular case arose, from the election for the township of Truro. The candidates were Mr. Pierson and Mr. Kent. It so happened that a man, deaf and dumb, gave the one majority vote for Mr. Kent. A resolution was moved, stating that this man, by reason of those imperfections, was not entitled to vote, and it passed, and Pierson took the seat. A counter resolution was prepared, I think, by myself, stating, that although deaf and dumb, he was "of sane and intelligent mind, and capable of communicating his ideas and opinions, by bodily signs and motions." The next day this resolution was submitted, and after a short debate, was passed, and Mr. Pierson vacated the seat, and Mr. Kent took it. Some of us