

(*Dr. Ryerson's Position and Proposal at Quebec.*)

You will recollect that I appeared before the Committee in no official capacity, but as an individual witness in obedience to your summons; that I was subsequently thrust into an unusual prominence by the attempts made to break down my evidence. You know I gave Mr. Langton and Dr. Wilson the advantage of the last word, without rejoinder, though it was my right.

You will also recollect that, at the close of the investigation, I said, so far as I was concerned, I was for peace, and willing to let the Legislature and country judge and decide by the publication of what had been recorded in the minutes of the Committee on both sides; but that if my assailants were still resolved on war, they should have it to their heart's content.

(*Each party left to publish its own Evidence.—University propagandism.—Mr. Langton and Dr. Wilson renew the late contest with Dr. Ryerson.*)

Only about 50 copies of the Minutes of Evidence before the Committee having been printed for the use of members and witnesses, it remained for each party to publish and circulate its own evidence at its own discretion and in its own way. I had my defence of the Petitioners, in reply to Mr. Langton and Dr. Wilson, printed without note or comment, just as it was recorded in the minutes of the Committee, without the alteration or addition of a sentence. Mr. Langton did the same in regard to his speech. Dr. Wilson, not being satisfied with what he had laid before committee in writing, and which was recorded in its minutes, wrote out, a month after delivery, a pseudo version of it under the *nom de plume* of a Mr. A. K. Edwards. A system of Toronto College propagandism was set on foot, and openly proclaimed at a public University dinner at Toronto, the Chancellor enjoining each of the faithful to execute his mission on the house tops and in the streets throughout the land. This challenge was answered by the speeches and proceedings of the Wesleyan Conference, held in Kingston in June, and various public meetings. Mr. Langton and Dr. Wilson have lately renewed the contest with me by publishing a closely printed pamphlet, (with copious notes) of 90 pages, and entitled "University Question. The statements of John Langton, Esq., M. A., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Toronto, and Professor Daniel Wilson, LL.D., of University College, Toronto; with notes and extracts from the evidence taken before the Committee of Legislative Assembly on the University."

In reply to that pamphlet, or rather to the notes of it, I now desire to address you. The speeches, or text, of the pamphlet are those to which my Defence of the Petitioners was a reply; and I should deem it superfluous to add a word to that Defence, were it not for the numerous notes in which Mr. Langton and Dr. Wilson have spared no pains to impugn me and misinterpret the facts of the question. At this busy season I will answer them as briefly as possible—first correcting the misstatements of each, and then stating and establishing the general facts and principles of the question,—the question of questions for the progress and welfare of Canada.