

a finger or thumb. (See sample in another column.) These "thumbed" ballots were a frequent occurrence, and the subject of much serious argument, and were vehemently declared by the Conservative counsel to be "cooked" ballots. Many other instances of unjust rulings and manifestly unfair actions on the part of the sheriff and his Grit legal advisers could be cited, but we think we have given the public enough for them to conclude that A. J. Wolff has been juggled out of his seat.

We ask, is it reasonable that in nearly every district Wolff should lose and Church should gain? We are of firm opinion that if Wolff's majority had been 30 he would not have got his seat in the House.

Electors of Lunenburg county, remember this outrage. Remember how you have been deprived of your votes and representative. Remember that now-a-days the only way to win an election is to roll up at least 100 majority for a Conservative candidate. Store these injustices in your memory, and when the time arrives give voice to your indignation by snowing under these election manipulators and unmanly opponents.

I will also read an episode on the same subject which will probably interest hon. gentlemen as well as be a source of amusement:

THE SPOILING OF THE EGYPTIANS.

In a certain land were two Sunday school superintendents, and the name of the one was Trusty Samuel, and the name of the other was Holy Tom.

Now these two men were lawyers, exceeding righteous above all other lawyers that dwelt in that land.

Now there was an election in that land, and afterwards a recount, and the two superintendents watched over the same after the inner ring, called Tammany, had put in their work.

Now before the commencement of the recount the one superintendent cocked his eye at the other and said, "Let us 'prey'."

And, lo, they both "preyed" earnestly for the space of three days, even from the sitting of the court unto the rising thereof.

Now Joseph was the ruler, or judge, of said court.

And it came to pass that as they "preyed," behold, the 17 majority of the man called Wolff gradually disappeared like unto the early cloud and the morning dew. And at this Joseph winked, and was exceeding glad.

And, behold, the 17 minority of the man called Church also died away, and lo, in the stead thereof a majority of 2 arose from the depths of the ballot boxes.

But the figures of "Manny" and the man called "John" changed not. And thus they spoiled the Egyptians.

And one of the Egyptians said unto Joseph, "Show us the riddle, we pray thee, and the interpretation thereof."

And Joseph smote his beard, and spat thrice upon the ground, and answered, "Ye are exceeding fresh. Behold those ballot boxes and the keys, and the remains of the seals thereof. Here are the keys, but the seals, do they last for ever?" And he winked at the two Sunday school superintendents, and the elder thereof snuffed and cocked his eye at the younger.

"Behold, I show you a mystery. Didst thou not see the many ballots of the man called Wolff, which were daubed over even as with the thumb of a man's right hand? Lo, those ballots

availed Wolff as naught, and I cast them aside as the chaff for the burning. Behold, I am judge of all this land from Vogler's Cove even unto Hubbard's Cove, and from the great sea even unto Queen's.

And the Egyptian answered and said unto Joseph, "Who daubed those ballots of the man called Wolff, and why were there not any ballots of the man called Church daubed withal?"

But Joseph spat upon the ground, and answered him never a word.

And the Egyptian said unto Joseph, "Tell thy servant, I pray thee, what was the matter with the ballot of the man called Wolff, which thou and thy prophet Samuel pronounced all very good on election day and which thou didst reject in the recount? Tell thy servant, also, what became of the two ballots of the man called Wolff from the Cove called Mader's, and whence came the stray ballot for the man called Church into the box for Lily Dale?"

But Joseph stroked his beard, and answered him never a word.

And the Egyptian said unto Joseph, "What became of all the plumpers from Petite Rivière, the place of the man called John? Thy servant cannot understand this mighty change. Was it wrought by thine own great hand?"

And Joseph answered and said unto the Egyptian, "What dost thou take me for? Thinkest thou that 17 is too great a number for the judge of all this land to monkey withal? Perchance I could monkey with 50."

And the Egyptian said unto Joseph, "Where did my lord have the ballot boxes stored after the election and before the recount, and what guard did my lord have placed over the same?"

Now at this Joseph waxed exceeding wroth, and smote his beard, and spat upon the ground and said, "Go to, ask the Sunday school superintendents."

So now the Egyptian went and sought the Sunday school superintendents, and when he found them, lo, they were in the office of an ungodly Grit lawyer in the town which is called Lunenburg, and, behold, the two Sunday school superintendents were expounding the school lessons for the next Sabbath day to the members of the inner ring called Tammany.

Now this is the material in the shape of an official this county (Lunenburg) had to tolerate at the time of an election, and although obnoxious to the people, and the government are aware of it, still he is kept in office whilst honest and honourable officials without cause, except exercising the right of franchise, without taking an active part politically, have been removed from office without a hearing or cause assigned. A more diabolical act on the part of an official could not well be thought of, and if he is capable of the iniquitous act as alleged against him, as shown by this newspaper, other papers, disporting in the same way, he is equally capable of repeating such acts, perhaps something worse at any time opportunity offers and giving the lie to cover up his guilt. Where is our Minister of Justice that this matter is not investigated? On the principle that "cheating never prospers" it is to be hoped his sins some day may find him out.

An official of this sort although a convenience to a party, is at the same time