

a suit at law in the courts as to whether Mr. Caldwell had the right or not. When before the court, one judge decided in his favour, and another against him, and the matter was standing in the Court of Appeal, and is still standing before the Supreme Court as to which was the right or wrong. It was improper, unneighbourly, and unchristian for Mr. Caldwell to try to take advantage of another man's money and improvements in this way. He would not wait for the decision of the Supreme Court.

Helping a Political Friend.

You know why. Mr. Mowat was in power here. Mr. Mowat is a Grit; Mr. Caldwell is a Grit. (Laughter.) Mr. McLaren is a Conservative. But more than that, Mr. Caldwell, a very respectable man in his way for a Grit—(laughter)—had a nephew whom he had elected to the Legislature, and who was one of Mr. Mowat's supporters, and as I heard a gentleman say, a rather uncertain supporter. He had fits of independence. It was necessary to keep Mr. Caldwell right, and so Mr. Caldwell, the younger, in order to help his uncle, got a Bill passed declaring that everybody had a right to use the dam and send logs over it, although they had not contributed a farthing towards its construction, and although, on account of the shortness of the season, Mr. McLaren would be prevented from using his own property. A clause was inserted in the Bill stating that Mr. McLaren might get compensation by charging tolls. In the first place, he would lose the interest on his money, and in the second, the opportunity of doing his Summer's work. The amount of toll he would have got from the logs of Mr. Caldwell would take to the Day of Judgment to pay for the expenditure of Mr. McLaren. (Laughter.) As I pointed out when speaking on this subject in Parliament, this illusory compensation was adding insult to injury. It would be better to give everybody the right of using the improvements for nothing than to make this pretence at compensation. It reminds me of the story of the old lady whose hen was stolen by a neighbor. The latter promised to pay her for the value of the hen out of the eggs the hen laid. (Laughter.) This question then is the other herring drawn across the nose of the staunch old hound, the N. P. What else can I say? We disallowed the Bill, and there was a great cry about Provincial rights. Well, the fact is that there were more Bills disallowed during the time Messrs. Mackenzie and Blake were in power, from 1874 to

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