

We cannot get rid of him ; and it is utterly impossible for you to gain the election against Rochester." But, while they could not give up the Rev. John May, they could do something else. The Secretary of State removed a newspaper from the table and displayed a pile of bills, and said, " Mr. Grant, we are willing to do anything we can." There was a nice pile of bills, but his unfortunate friend was too honest to take the bait. Under these circumstances, he was going to ask the Government for a Committee to inquire into this matter. He thought those men who had forfeited their positions as members of the Crown should be brought to book. One of the employés was sent out to the county of Carleton as deputy returning-officer. Who paid their salaries while they were out there? Who paid the salaries of the agents who were sent out to work for the Rev. John May, and against him (Mr. Rochester)? He thought this was something that ought to be brought to light, and for which any Government which would allow it should be brought to book. Then Mr. Jones, who took care of the Senate reading-room, was sent out as deputy returning-officer, and he did not know how many more. He knew that men from the Departments had been stationed at the doors of the different polling-booths, who pencilled down the name of every Civil Service employé who voted. Of course they could not tell how he voted, but they reported to headquarters those who had voted. Another gentleman, who occupied a position in one of the Departments, had two sons who worked very hard for the hon. the present President of the Council, and the late Secretary of State went to the Department to this gentleman, and told him that if he did not stop his sons working he would be dismissed from his office. Hon. gentlemen might talk about the United States, and to the victor belong the spoils ; but could anything be worse than what he had pointed out. It would be interesting to know where all the money came from that was used at that election. W. J. Wills, Emigrant Agent for the city of Ottawa, spent weeks in the county canvassing for the Rev J. May, the Government candidate, and it was said that he held the position of treasurer for

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the party. Now, what he (Mr. Rochester) wanted to know, and what the country wanted to know, was, who paid this man, with all the other employés of the Government, that spent so much of their time in the county previous to, and during the late election? He was told if they examined the pay sheet, they would find that all those gentlemen were paid their full time. Now, of course, he (Mr. Rochester) had not spent any money. Hon. gentlemen opposite were sure to believe that. But seriously, he could solemnly say that he had no agents nor committee, and he spent no money. During that election a large number of buggies ran between these offices and the five different villages surrounding the city, to carry Civil Service employés to the polls. He would like to know who paid for these buggies. Anybody who knew his friend, the late Secretary of State, knew that he could not do anything of the kind. He would like also to know who paid the wages of the men who were sent out by Ministers of the Crown to canvass the county for days and weeks previous to the election? He would like to know whether the public of the Dominion of Canada were going to pay men to go around canvassing and working for a man who happened to be a supporter of the Administration for the time being? If that was going to be the case, it had better be known. He would not trespass any longer upon the time of the House. He had collected a large amount of statistics, more especially regarding the lumber trade, with considerable trouble, but there had been so much in the way of figures already submitted to the House, that he would not weary the House. He would only add that he was, on the whole, satisfied with the tariff. He had not attempted to enter into the details of the tariff, as he had no hesitation in saying that many of them he knew very little about. He had only taken up the lumber interest which he was practically acquainted with. The hon. gentlemen opposite talked about the following on his side of the House. He could say that the supporters of the Government were proud of their position. He for one was proud to be a follower of the present Administration, and he thought he only expressed the