

Railroads and Telegraphs are threading the land in every direction, free trade principles have been matured until they have received or are about to receive legislative sanction; in short the whole machinery for raising the country to the highest pitch of eminence as a commercial nation has been put in active operation, producing a bright and cheering era, which bids defiance to the page of Canadian history to produce a parallel; but you, Gentlemen, are of a different opinion; we have as much right to claim the truth on our side as you have on yours, therefore before we proceed to the final settlement of the important matters before us, we prefer carrying our cause before a higher tribunal,—we will bring it to the test of public opinion.”

The only legitimate and rational channel by which we can arrive at truth is through the shady avenues of cool, calm, and dispassionate investigation, contemplating with rigid but at the same time impartial scrutiny, even to the very outposts, all the windings of diversified opinion, and then drawing from the whole a middle line of inferential conviction. One of our Editors brings out to public view a long list of accusations against the Hon. John Young. But they were satisfactorily answered in the Pilot. There may have been errors in the course of that gentleman's public life for

“The best laid schemes o' mice an' men  
Gang aft a-gley,  
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain  
For promised joy.”

but if there have been errors committed, I believe that there is no one who has been acquainted with that gentleman for a number of years past, but will readily admit that they were errors of the head and not of the heart. One of the speakers who was addressing the people at the hustings in favor of Mr. Young, was interrupted by a person calling out, “What have you got to say about the Tug Boats?” but no answer was

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