

question. The proof sheets of Mr. Farrer's pamphlet were stolen from the office of Messrs. Hunter & Rose by a printer in their employment, who laid his hands at the same time upon some other documents, and were put into the hands of Sir John Macdonald, who had come to Toronto to open the campaign. That morning word was sent me that it was intended to arrest Mr. Farrer and myself for treason. I of course laughed at the intimation. In the evening Sir John filled his speech with references to Mr. Farrer's pamphlet, on which he dilated as evidence of a conspiracy on the part of the Liberal leaders to betray Canada to the United States. He at the same time alluded to something else of a treasonable character, which had been discovered, and was in the hands of the police. Some days afterwards the meaning of his allusion appeared. The *Empire*, which was his personal organ, published an editorial with flaring typography announcing that the treason was spreading, and that I was involved in it. The proof tendered of this was a document alleged, like Mr. Farrer's proof sheets, to have been stolen by the Tory spy from the office of Messrs. Hunter & Rose. It purported to be an instruction from me to my printer to set up a pamphlet of my own, uniformly with that of Mr. Farrer, of whose treasonable production I was thus supposed to be criminally cognizant. Some time having elapsed since the printing of my pamphlet, it was likely that my instructions to my printer would have been thrown away. Thrown away they had been. But by a lucky chance they were recovered from a heap of waste paper in my yard, and I was enabled to show that they directed my pamphlet to be set up uniformly, not with Mr. Farrer's pamphlet, but with a former pamphlet of my