

The Gleaner.

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THE QUEEN'S ELECTION PETITION.

As was generally anticipated, considering the facts sworn to on behalf of Baird and the inclinations of the judges, who, to say the least, are not disposed to deny a conservative request so long as a show of argument can be made in its favor, judgment was given in the Queen's County election case directing the petition to be taken off file and the petitioner to pay the costs. Some little comfort may be drawn from the fact that the Chief Justice did not agree with the judgment and spoke of it as a denial of justice, but there is nothing very substantial about that. It is to be regretted that Judge King took no part in hearing the case, being at the time engaged in holding the York County Circuit Court. Possibly had he heard it and concurred in the views of the Chief Justice, as strong and so honest a judgment as would then have been jointly presented might have led some of the judges to take a different view than that they settled upon. Judge Palmer, at least, who could hardly resist his suspicions might have become more than enough to speak out his convictions without being so squeamish about the proof. We can find no fault with the court for holding that the deputy sheriff mistook Baird's brother for Baird himself. The preponderant weight of the evidence was that way. But to believe Baird's affidavit that he did not know of the service of the petition, when two copies were served at his house, one on his wife and one on his brother, and also that he did not evade the service or contrive to prevent the service coming to his knowledge, we believe would be as impossible to every unprejudiced mind as it was to the Chief Justice. It is disconcerting to liberals to find that their adversary always can find a hole to creep out of, no matter how well the guards may be mounted. This time it is the inefficient discharge of duty by a public officer falling into error through what may be the appearance of a trick. Next time it will be something else. Fraud and error are the bulwarks of the Tories.

UNRESTRICTED RECIPROCITY.

Congressman Pitt, of Illinois, was lately interviewed at Washington by a reporter of the Toronto Globe in reference to his reciprocity resolution which will probably be discussed in the House of Representatives this week. Mr. Pitt is one of the most prominent Republicans in Congress. His views are therefore entitled to weight, and he, no doubt, read with pleasure by our people. He said: "I really know of no actual opposition to my resolution. A large number of members on both sides of the House have spoken to me favorably about it. They look upon it as the right way—that it may afford an opportunity to at least discover if there is any probability of bringing about more intimate relations between Canada and the United States. My object is to test the question and to get a basis of discussion. Sir Charles Tupper says that all Americans would favor Commercial Union, but some would advocate Unrestricted Reciprocity. That is only his opinion, however. We have never had a vote here on Unrestricted Reciprocity, while on the other hand, though that Unrestricted Reciprocity is a very difficult question to deal with, I want by my resolution to get at the practical view of the public men of Canada, comparing them with the views of our own public men, so as to see whether there is any solution of the problem consistent with our Constitution and your relations to England. While I believe Unrestricted Reciprocity would benefit the United States, I am firmly convinced it would benefit Canada more. Of course the chief obstacle to be overcome would be the equitable division of revenue, but that could be done on the basis of the population. Any result, however, depends upon the Canadians taking action first. As you will see, my resolution reads that the President of the United States will appoint three commissioners to meet a Canadian commission 'when the Government of the Dominion of Canada has declared a desire to establish Commercial Union with the United States.' We do not desire to force the question upon them if they are unwilling; there must be an entire absence of such a spirit before any progress can be made. We certainly do not want any more land, and we are certainly not want annexation. You will notice that the Committee on Foreign Affairs says in its report: 'It is not deemed necessary to have discuss the great merits or the details of arrangement that will be necessary. Your committee believe that the power herein conferred upon the President can be used to no harm, that it will be widely used and will lead to beneficial results, promoting the independence, prosperity and peace of two great peoples.' You see we speak of two peoples. There must be great hostility to Annexation here, inasmuch as it would, for one thing, disturb our political parties, and that we do not want. The question of trade alone is what we are willing to discuss. Sir Charles Tupper also says that the Dominion Government were always ready to negotiate reciprocity in natural products. There is no use of talking about that, however. Such a proposition will never be listened to again. There must be a complete Unrestricted Reciprocity or nothing at all. Some of the senators are doubtful whether Unrestricted can be carried out constitutionally.

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