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Subscriptions for 1902 and previous years are now overdue; and subscriptions for 1903, are now payable. Our friends will please bear these facts in mind.

The debate on the Gamey revelations is still going on in the Ontario Legislature and the indications are that it may continue till the end of this week. The Leader of the Government wants the charges submitted to a commission of judges; and the Leader of the Opposition contends that the proper tribunal to try the case is a committee of the House.

PURSUANT to notice a meeting of Liberal Conservatives of the 2nd electoral district of King's County for purposes of organization was held at Morell on Thursday last, the 19th inst. Owing to the very disagreeable weather, and the wretched condition of the roads the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been.

The speech prepared by the Executive and read by his Honor, the Lieut. Governor at the opening of the session is published in this issue. Our readers will observe that it is quite a lengthy document; indeed length is its most distinguishing quality. In this particular it is somewhat similar to a geometrical line; it has length without breadth. It alludes to several events that have become matters of history; but throws very little light on the present condition of public affairs or the Government's intentions regarding the future.

It will be noticed that nothing was said in the speech with which the Lieut. Governor opened the Legislative Session regarding the Dominion Packing Company. The Patriot referring to this omission repeats its statement that "a business proposition was submitted to the Government, by the Company, which before any agreement was reached had to be submitted to the Legislature for ratification."

Government decline to assume responsibility for any such proposition. This certainly seems most extraordinary; the Government refuse to stand behind a proposed arrangement that promised such great things to our Province! What does all this mean; have the Government got a hint that they are treading on dangerous ground? Have the by-elections told them that they have been badly fooled by somebody in connection with this Dominion Packing Company business? Whatever has happened the Government seem to have all at once lost interest in this business proposition that was going to turn our whole Province into a hive of industry.

THE leading Liberal newspapers are very bitter in their denunciation of Gamey and are calling him all kinds of nasty names. Had Gamey betrayed those who elected him and gone over to the Government side of the House these same papers would be saying "all manner of nice things about him. But since he has let in the light of day on the tactics of our Grit friends nothing is too bad to say about him. These papers might reproduce the following extracts from sources in which they have frequently expressed confidence. The Toronto Telegram, Independent, frequently quoted by Grits says:—"Ontario politics has never developed a truer hero than Robert R. Gamey, of Manitoulin. Corruption can never be destroyed by good, goody people who read essays or start newspapers. The system goes on and gets worse until some man throws himself into the gap, and does exactly what R. R. Gamey did. This Province has produced men who would take bribes and men who would spurn bribes. Corruption can never be exposed by the greed of the corrupt man or the righteous indignation of the honest man. Mr Gamey had the brave heart of an honest man, the head of a clever man. For weeks he has had to keep his own counsel and endure the fearful penalties of universal contempt and has done more to purify the politics of Ontario in six weeks than all the conventional moral agencies of this country would do in sixteen years. The following is from the pen of Mr J. A. Willison, until a few weeks ago the editor of the leading Liberal organ in Toronto:

"There is not in the history of Canadian politics a more shameful and sordid story than that which has just been told in the legislature. It is a pitiful revelation of what men will do in the desperate game of party politics. A minister of the crown, sworn to the faithful discharge of great and responsible duties under our system of government, is hopelessly involved in a vulgar conspiracy to purchase a political opponent, and the whole government is irretrievably involved in the miserable business. Although Mr Stratton has been the chief electioneering member of the cabinet, we cannot quite know how far his colleagues are responsible for his methods. But this much is clear, the Government was determined to hold power at any price and the incriminated Minister must have felt that so long as his proceedings were concealed from the people, and his methods politically successful, he was safe from serious reprobation. It is inconceivable that he would dare to do this work if he had felt that the atmosphere in which he moved was hostile to his proceedings. We may fairly conclude that it the exposure could have been avoided the whole Liberal organization would have been willing to profit by Stratton's discreditable operations."

"This astounding blow to the ministry is at once an illuminating revelation of our political methods and just such a violent shock to the public conscience as was imperatively needed to arouse the people to a sense of their higher duties and responsibilities. It is not a time for mere partisan triumph but of genuine sorrow for the shame and discredit which have come upon the government and the province."

But it remained for Mr. R. R. Gamey, the Conservative member for Manitoulin, to disclose the worst crime of all. Profiting by the experience of Mr. Donald Sutherland, South Oxford, who was approached by an emissary of the Ross government and denounced as a liar by Hon. G. W. Ross, when he exposed the game, Mr. Gamey made sure that ample evidence to prove a similar plot against his integrity would be secured. Accordingly, when he was offered \$4,000 on behalf of Hon. J. R. Stratton to transfer his allegiance to the Liberal party, he proceeded in a systematic manner to round up the criminals. On Wednesday afternoon, on the floor of the House at Toronto, Mr. Gamey laid bare the hard, cold facts of an outrage on the responsible government, which has sent a thrill of indignation throughout Canada. He recited the incidents as to how Hon. J. M. Gibson and Hon. J. Stratton sought to buy him body and soul. Mr. Gamey was received at first with liberal approbation but he closed his speech amidst a dull and guilty silence on the government benches. The evidence offered is most damaging. The very money paid for his supposed treachery by the government agents was displayed in the house. Letters of a compromising character were read from Hon. J. R. Stratton; Hon. Frank Latchford; "Cap" Sullivan and his son, Frank Sullivan, a government employee; D. A. Jones, brother of Senator Melvin Jones; and E. C. Meyers. Mr. Stratton's secretary, in addition, Mr. Gamey has verbatim reports of a conversation between himself and Frank Sullivan, taken by three qualified stenographers, in which the whole of the sickening plot was revealed. In fact, nothing that could

The venerable Bishop Rogers died at the Episcopal Residence, Chatham, N. B., on Sunday morning last. He was seventy-seven years of age, and had been a priest for fifty-two years and a bishop forty-three years. He was born in the County of Donegal, Ireland, in 1826. In his 5th year he came with his parents to Halifax. Here he received his primary education and studied classics at St. Mary's College. He presented his Theological studies at the Grand Seminary, Montreal, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1851. In 1860 the diocese of Chatham was created, and the Rt. Rev. James Rogers was appointed first Bishop of the new See. He was consecrated together with the late lamented Bishop McIntyre of this diocese, in the old Cathedral of St. Dunstan's, Charlottetown, on August 15th, 1860. He immediately entered upon his episcopal labors in the new

diocese, and from that time till he laid down his pastoral staff he labored energetically and unceasingly in cultivating the portion of the Lord's vineyard assigned to him. The work of organizing his large diocese and providing for the rapidly increasing Catholic population was great, and under his fostering care was eminently successful. When Bishop Rogers took up his residence at Chatham there were but seven priests in the whole diocese. From that small beginning they have increased to their present numbers, and churches, convents, schools and religious institutions have increased and multiplied. Between himself and the late Bishop McIntyre the warmest friendship always existed, and it will be remembered that in August 1885 they celebrated the silver jubilee of their episcopal consecration, with the most solemn and brilliant ceremonies in this city. Some three years ago the venerable Bishop applied to Rome for a coadjutor, as his advancing years admonished him that he needed assistance in the great and constantly increasing work of the episcopate. His application was granted, and Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Barry was consecrated coadjutor Bishop, with the right of succession. In the autumn of 1902 Bishop Rogers retired from the active duties of his charge, and on the 18th of November of that year, Rt. Rev. Dr. Barry entered upon his duties as Bishop of Chatham. Since then Bishop Rogers has lived in retirement at the episcopal residence waiting for the final call and preparing for the end which came as stated above, on Sunday morning last. Requiescat in Pace.

OTTAWA WEEKLY LETTER. PARLIAMENT HAS OPENED. The Ninth Parliament of Canada has entered upon its sessional duties for the third time. The speech from the throne was brief. Mention was made of the Colonial Conference; the influx of population to the Northwest; the need of increased transportation facilities; the approaching meeting of the Alaskan Boundary Commission; the redistribution bill; the introduction of legislation concerning the Railway Commission; amendment of the patent laws; the Militia Act; Chinese immigration; settlement of railway disputes; and the reorganization of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The debate on the speech in reply was taken up on Friday. The session will be one of the most important since confederation, and will cover an immense amount of business. It will last for six months.

MOST REVOLVING LIBERAL PLOT. The political history of Ontario for the past few years has been a story of moral degradation from which the best elements in the province have shrunk with disgust. The sanctity of the ballot has been systematically violated under the auspices of men sworn to guard it. Judges have been dragged into political disputes involving allegations of gross wrong-doing. The doors of prisons have been opened to secure perjurers willing to swear away the honor of men in exchange for money wrongfully secured by prostitution of office. Ministers of the crown have recruited and maintained a standing army among professional election thugs, whose duty it is to defeat the will of the people as registered at the polls. All these and many other heinous offences against public morality have been proved in open court, and it was this appalling spectacle that provoked Hon. Sam Blake to denounce in uncompromising language the Ross government and its vicious systems.

IN no other part of Canada were the Liberals to accomplish greater things than in the Maritime Provinces. Yet in only two of the principal ports of Eastern Canada did shipping, the greatest of the resources of that section, hold its own last year. The two ports are Sydney, C. B., and St. John, N. B. The former city is the centre of the new iron industries established under the bonus system of the National Policy. In St. John the Canadian Pacific Railway has made it possible for shipping to be carried on with profit. Bonuses from the department of Trade and Commerce are indicative of the general stagnation in Maritime Provinces shipping—

Table with 2 columns: Location and Shipping Statistics. Includes entries for Charlottetown, Chatham, Halifax, Louisbourg, Newcastle, North Sydney, Parraboro, St. John, Sydney, and Yarmouth.

EGGS TEACH LESSON IN PROTECTION. There are many farmers who incline to the belief that it is impossible for them to benefit from a protective tariff. In this they are absolutely mistaken. The United States farmer sees that protection means money in his pocket, and he supports it. Why just one article in which farmers of the United States and Canada have a common interest—eggs. Back in the eighties, Canadian hens laid from one to two million dollars

worth of eggs for United States consumers. American farmers protested and the Dingley tariff raised the duty against the output of Canadian fowls. What was the result? Our eggs were prohibited from entering American territory. Our shipments in that country fell from \$2,156,725 in 1888, to \$2,021 in 1900. Last year they were \$35,740, a mere bagatelle. From an American standpoint the outcome was all that could be desired. Protection was the cause. United States farmers are millions better off as a result. Why not apply the same principle to the produce of American farms now flooding our markets? Policy is no respecter of flags, and protection is just as effective under the Union Jack as it is under the Stars and Stripes. "Canada for Canadians" will more than equalize that bad egg attitude of the United States towards Canada.

Hon. A. G. Blair's surplus of \$96,822 for 1902 has vanished into thin air, and in its stead there is a live, vigorous deficit of \$1,000,000. Mr. Blair's own report for 1902 shed expected light on the subject. When he announced his surplus some months ago his figures were— Earnings.....\$ 5,671,385 Running expenses..... 5,574,563 \$96,822 To his capital outlay of \$4,670,590, however, Mr. Blair charged many items which should have been paid out of the revenue. For rolling stock he spent \$2,068,879. Included in this expenditure were sums for repairs and the replacing of locomotives and cars, which aggregate hundreds of thousands. The most ordinary demands on running expenses were transferred to capital account, and the whole reached a total of about \$1,000,000.

IN spite of even this unheard-of extravagance the plant of the railway has greatly deteriorated. Mr. Blair has fewer cars and locomotives than in 1901. He has made no allowance for wear and tear, and if the phase of the situation be considered the loss to the people is infinitely greater. All common sense business methods employed by progressive railroads have been ostracized by his department, and the only possible solution of the situation is to make greater calls on the credit of the country. The Intercolonial as its now conducted is the most expensive luxury in Canada.

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