

'Why was West Elgin?' It may be answered, and answered truly, that the bye-election was possible because the Conservative candidate was unseated for corruption, and so made a bye-election necessary. That is no answer at all. If the Conservative candidate was corrupt, and we exposed it, there was the greater burden on us as Liberals to maintain a high moral standard in the country, in order that public morals might be preserved. As a profound conviction coming from the heart of Liberals, we move this resolution. We have no sympathy with, we utterly repudiate all forms of political corruption, all means by which the will of the electors may be frustrated. We go a step further, and this resolution proposes a remedy. We do not content ourselves with generalities; we offer a remedy. Let us, like Gladstone in England, keep alive the soul in Ontario, and doing that, we do more than by the adoption of a new policy."

Rowell's Strong Stand.

Mr. Rowell, speaking at Stratford in the election which followed this convention, used even stronger language in condemning the political corruption practiced on behalf of Liberal candidates, and states that had not the Liberal Convention in 1904 placed itself on record unequivocally in condemnation of political wrong-doing, whether practiced on behalf of Liberals or their opponents, he would not have taken any part in the campaign.

In the year 1906, Mr. Rowell, in a public address, discussed the question of electoral corruption and the methods to be adopted to secure the punishment of offenders, and strongly advocated the appointment of a public prosecutor as in England.

The following editorial comment in the Toronto News on the address delivered, illustrates Mr. Rowell's views:

"At Ward One Liberal Association meeting, Mr. N. W. Rowell dealt with election corruption and its unhappy prevalence. Particular reference was made to the Prince Albert frauds, but inasmuch as these are the first condemnatory words which any Liberal of prominence has publicly expressed on this rascally affair, they are worthy of reproduction. Mr. Rowell speaks admirably, and no respectable Canadian can quarrel with his words in this instance. He said: 'These men so far