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GOVERNMENTAL CORRUPTION.

The astounding disclosures, made by Mr. R. R. Gamey, M. P. P., in the Provincial Legislature of Ontario, add to Canadian political history the most unsavory chapter yet written. Mr. Gamey directly charges Mr. J. R. Stratton, a Minister of the Crown, with personal complicity in bribing him to support the Ross Government. Two of Mr. Stratton's colleagues, Mr. J. M. Gibson, the Attorney General, and Mr. G. W. Ross, the Premier, are also involved in the unsavory manipulations which Mr. Gamey exposes.

What is the duty of the Legislature in the presence of this astounding condition of affairs? A member has risen in his place, and has not only charged, but has produced documentary evidence to prove, the guilt of Ministers of the Crown. The Government thus stands arraigned, and it is the duty of our representatives, not as Conservatives and Liberals, but as Canadians to demand the most prompt, full and minute investigation.

While the terrible revelations of the present incident have awed the whole country; while Conservatives and Liberals alike have heard aghast the shocking story; while the people have shuddered under an exposure which impugns the integrity of a Government and sullies national honor—we question much if the Governmental immorality and depravity disclosed are not the logical and fatal outcome of the vices and scandals, which have for some time past characterized the election campaigns of the Province.

The people of Chatham and Kent will remember that when Premier Ross—the man who stands to-day charged with complicity in the most debasing and immoral scandal in our political history—was in Chatham during the recent general election campaign, he stood upon the platform of the Grand Opera House and told an audience of Kent's intelligent sons that ballot-box stuffing, personation, ballot burning and electoral corruption were "little things," not worthy of his time and attention. He declined to discuss the swindling operations of his minions, because, he told his hearers, they were trivial matters—"little things." When public men begin to talk of the destruction of honor and integrity as a "little thing," then we can prepare ourselves for some such appalling governmental disgrace as that under which our Province staggers to-day. God grant the day may never come when Canadians as a people will say, as Premier Ross said in Chatham, that political corruption and immorality is a "little thing," unworthy of even passing notice.

It is but a step from the swindling operations in the polling booths to the attempted bribery of an elected member—just a step from the "little things" that Mr. Ross smilingly joked over and deemed of no account, to the big thing that has disgraced him and his cabinet before the whole civilized world; just a step to the heinous thing which must drive him into unhonored obscurity at the hands of an upright and outraged people.

The proper course—perhaps it would not be pertinent to suggest the honorable course to men who deem honor a "little thing"—would doubtless be for Messrs. Stratton, Gibson and Ross to place their resignation in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor pending the investigation of the charges preferred against them. The action must be prompt and decisive. To allow these members of the Government, impugned and tainted as they are, to administer affairs would be unsafe and contrary to public morals. There must be immediate action, fullest investigation and certain punishment meted out to the guilty.

And, while Mr. Gamey's charges are under consideration, it would be wise for the Commission to hear the evidence of Mr. Donald Sutherland, M. P. P., Oxford, and Dr. Beaume, M. P. P., Essex—two other young Conserva-

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—1903—

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Members who were similarly approached by emissaries of the tottering Ross Government and urged to sell their honor to save the administration.

Another matter for investigation must be the source of supplies. Where do these Ontario Ministers derive the thousands upon thousands of dollars they employ for corrupt purposes? Is the money honestly earned? Again, why do they do these things? What material consideration is it that impels them to violate the statute law and the moral law in order to continue themselves in office?

To the Liberal-Conservative leaders and party, we trust the disaster which has befallen the Ross Government, will be a warning. Mr. Whitney has heralded the watchword of purity in politics throughout his campaign. Let the men of his party live up to it. Whether in power or in opposition let Liberal-Conservatism be synonymous with honesty, uprightness, fearlessness and integrity. These are not "little things," as Mr. Ross is now finding out.

THE LETTER CARRIERS.

While the Liberal press has been singing the praises of Hon. Mr. Mulock for the wonderful things he has been doing in the postoffice department the letter carriers have had much cause for complaint, points out the Hamilton Spectator. It is all very well for Mr. Mulock to show a "surplus," but if that surplus is made by grinding the hard-working letter-carriers and other employees of the department the people of Canada will not find much pleasure in contemplating it. The letter-carriers of the Dominion have sent Mr. Mulock the following petition, in which they make out a good case:

"To the Hon. William Mulock, post-

master-general, Ottawa.

"Dear Sir,—We, the letter-carriers of the Dominion of Canada, respectfully request the honorable postmaster-general to recommend, and the Dominion parliament to grant, an increase of salary equal to \$65 per month to all men of eight years' service, under the civil service act of 1882-85.

"We further respectfully request that bill No. 106 be so amended that pay be allowed for seven days a week, and that in all cases of bona-fide sickness or accident pay be allowed for same on presentation of medical certificate to the department.

"We further submit for your most favorable consideration the fact that owing to the general increase of population in the several cities of the Dominion during recent years that the cost of living has very materially increased and is still increasing.

"That wages in all other branches of labor have largely advanced. This is evidenced by the action of the several municipalities in largely increasing the salaries of their employees in the past, and especially so during the year 1903.

"Therefore, your petitioners respectfully pray that grievances here complained of will have most favorable consideration at your hands."

Her Trick.

A cantankerous old farmer, who hardly ever agreed with anything his wife said to him, came home one wet day and, placing his back to the fire, stood up to dry.

After some little time his wife turned to him and said:

"John, you'd better watch yourself or you'll burn your flannels."

To which John replied:

"I think I'll need to burn my trousers first."

"Indeed, John, you'll need to do something of the kind. They're burnt already."—London Tit-Bits.

Improve.

It is a solemn duty devolving on all to make the most possible out of themselves. Men seek the highest development of their souls and bodies and grain and flowers. The result is the improved flora and fauna of these days over those of prior ones. But should this evolution cease with the lower order? Should the body of creation improve and not the head, which is man?

His Line.

Hook—So he is a poet, eh? What is his particular line?

Nye—The Market street line principally, although I occasionally see his verses in some of the other cars.

What Did He Mean?

Patient (after giving the doctor \$3 and receiving a prescription)—But suppose, doctor, this doesn't cure me?

Doctor—In that case come back and I'll relieve you again.

It is stated that on the lower Elbe no village or farm is free from malaria. Malaria mosquitoes abound.

The Bachelor—I wonder why those flats are not supplied with warm water pipes like the others?

The Benedict—They are probably intended for married men.

The Bachelor—Does that make much difference?

The Benedict—Yes. When a man is married his wife generally keeps him in hot water.

Harry—You and Tom appear to be the best of friends.

Dick—Why shouldn't we be? We never say what we think of each other.

THE TWO EXTREMES

About the time children begin to go to school they are liable to be confronted with one of two extremes—they may either grow too fast or not grow fast enough. In the former case nature makes unusual demands upon bone and blood; vital organs are overtaxed and growth continues out of proportion to their age. Here is where Scott's Emulsion finds scope for its best workings.

It nourishes the bones—the hypophosphites of lime and soda does this; it feeds and enriches the blood—this through the pure cod liver oil; it strengthens the whole system, providing firm, healthy flesh and fortifying the tissues so that they are better able to stand the extra strain upon them.

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WASH GOODS—Special—

New Ginghams, fine quality, soft finish, warranted colors in small pink and white, blue and white and red and white checks, special per yard

8c.

800 yards Fine Ginghams, Canadian, English and American makes, choice range of new designs in small checks, plaids and lace stripes, splendid range of colors, warranted dyes, regular 12-1-2c yard, special at

10c.

Snow Flake Zephyrs, lovely goods, looks like fine wool materials, 30 in. wide, pink, sky, or-blood, mauve, navy and Oxford grounds, flaked with white, fast wash colors, very special, per yard

20c.

Linen Suitings, fine, heavy quality, 30 in. wide, fast colors, in pink, sky, navy, Oxford, light grey, and fawn mixtures, guaranteed in wear and color, special per yard

25c.

10c. White Lace Stripe Muslins at 5c.—300 yards fine, white lace stripe dress muslins, assorted patterns, regular 10c yard, special Saturday

5c.

400 yards, Fancy Wrapperette, good quality cloth in large range of choice patterns for waists or wrappers, fast colors, regular 10c and 12-1-2c, a few 15c. yard, clearing Saturday at

7c.

Fine Bleached Cotton, pure cambric finish, full yard wide, a good 10c cloth, special per yard

8c.

Pure linen towelling at 5c yard—300 yards heavy brown crash towelling, pure linen, full 17 inches wide, regular 7c yard, Saturday

5c.

175 pieces fine English and Canadian prints, best quality, 32 inches wide, in very handsome designs, for waists, dresses or wrappers, fast colors, special per yard 10c and

12-1-2c.

1,500 yards fine heavy Canadian prints, fast dyes, in handsome designs, light and dark colorings, special per yard

8c.

500 yards good strong prints, in large range of patterns, light and dark colorings, fast dyes, special per yard

5c.

300 yards heavy moleskin cottonade for men's or boys' pants or smocks, good range dark patterns, regular 18c yard, Saturday

12-1-2c.

10 dozen ladies' rib cashmere hose, fine elastic quality, seamless spliced feet, sizes 8-1-2, 9, 9-1-2, regular 25c pair, Saturday

19c.

5 dozen ladies' fine black cashmere gloves, plain and fleeced, regular 25c pair, Saturday

20c.

1,000 pairs ladies' fine cotton hose, German make, Hermsdorf black dye, spliced seamless feet, full fashioned, special a pair

15c.

Ladies' 75c wool vests at 58c—4 doz. ladies' fine wool vests, buttoned front, long sleeves, full fashioned, natural color, drawers to match, our best 75c quality, special Saturday

58c.

For boys and girls—10 dozen pen and pencil boxes, automatic sliding lid, assorted sizes, regular 10c and 15c each, clearing Saturday two for

5c.

Dress goods—1 piece 56 inch black serge suiting, fine pure wool, bright smooth finish, sponged and shrunken, regular 85c yard, special Saturday

50c.

1 piece cloth suiting, fine heavy quality, 48 inches wide, cadet only, regular 50c yard, clearing Saturday

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10,000 yards new dress goods, direct from the best English, French and German looms, everything that's new and fashionable in wear and color, the best values in Canada, come in and see them.

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WANTED—Competent men to appoint agents, whole or spare time. Commission paid. Apply John Doyle, Drawer 531, London.

WANTED—Teacher for S. S. No. 6, Chatham Twp., male or female, holding second or third class certificate. Duties to commence March 16. State salary and experience. Apply to or address Thos. Gray, Secretary, Darrell.

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LOTS FOR SALE—One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria Ave., and six lots on Maple St. Apply to Mrs. Tissiman, Victoria Block, or The Planet.

FARM FOR SALE OR RENT—Part N. E. 1-2 Lot No. 3, Con. 2, Camden Township, 65 acres. Apply to J. A. Walker, Barrister, King street.

FOR SALE—A few desirable houses and lots in the city; also a few good farms at low prices and easy terms of payment. Apply to J. A. Walker, Barrister, King street.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—House, formerly occupied by Mrs. Wemp, Wellington St. West. Suitable for boarding house or for any family requiring house with plenty of rooms. Modern conveniences. Apply to W. E. Rispin, 115 King St.

FOR SALE OR RENT—The store and dwelling on corner of Queen and School streets, opposite the new library; Central school on one side, Separate school on other side. A fine stand for business. Reason for selling bad health. For particulars enquire in store from Wm. Brown.

FOR SALE—Fine farm of 100 acres, being Lot 13, Con. 11, in Harwich, 80 cleared, balance in woods and pasture; a new frame house and barns and outbuildings; good orchard and small fruits; close to church and schools and market; will be sold cheap and on easy terms. If not sold, will be rented. Possession given as soon as sold or rented. Apply to Alex. McDougall, corner of Lansdowne and Stanley Ave., Chatham, Ont. Box 542. 64dw

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AUCTION SALE

Farm Stock and Implements, Lot 4, Con. 1, Chatham Township, on

Wednesday, March 18th, 1903,

COMMENCING AT 1 O'CLOCK.

One general purpose black horse, 1-400, 8 years old, one Percheron mare 10 years old, one carriage mare 9 years old, five fresh milk cows, one farrow cow, two cows coming in this month, one heifer in calf, one heifer 1 year old, five young heifer calves, one Maxwell binder, new, one mower, one horse rake, one drill, one roller, one two-horse corn planter, new, one two-horse cultivator, one New Chatham wagon, one Colby hay and stock rack, one pair bob-sleighs, one cutter, one phaeton, one Campbell fanning mill and bagger, new, one riding plow, one walking plow, one disc harrow, one set slings, one horse power, one set double harness, heavy, one set light double harness, one single harness, one corn sheller, one good refrigerator, one large cream separator, two water troughs, one boiling kettle, about 100 fowl, some household furniture and numerous other articles; 200 bushels oats; and about 800 fence slats.

Everything will be sold without reserve, as I have sold my farm. TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under, cash; over that amount seven months' credit will be given by furnishing approved joint notes; 8 per cent. discount for cash on sums over \$10.

W. A. NORTON,

Proprietor.

McCOIG & HARRINGTON,

Auctioneers.

Auction Sale of Household Furniture.

Andrew Thomson, auctioneer, has received instructions from Herbert S. Clements, who is giving up house-keeping, to sell, without reserve, all his household effects on Thursday, March 19th, at one o'clock p. m. sharp, at his residence, corner Water and Adelaide streets, residence just back of the jail, consisting of the following:

One Halle grand piano, new; one hall rack; one oak sideboard; one solid oak bedroom suit; one solid Birch bedroom suit; seven oak dining room chairs; one large dining room table; one parlor couch; one folding couch; one secretary and chair to match; four small tables; carpets and curtains throughout the house; two corner seats; one refrigerator; one Welcome Pearl Range, new; one gas stove; all kitchen furniture and utensils; dishes; silverware, pictures, etc.; one kitchen cabinet; all parlor furniture; 2 Musk Ox robes, very rare; quantity of skin rugs; two mattresses, Fibre Best; a quantity of bedding; one lawn roller, new; 100 feet new lawn hose with all attachments; lawn rakes; hoes; spades; a quantity of good tools, such as saws, axes, chisels, etc.; a large quantity of fruit in jars; in fact everything pertaining to a well equipped household. Everything is in good shape, mostly new. This is a rare chance to get any of the above articles. Everything will be sold without reserve. Remember day and date, Thursday, March 19th. Sale to commence at one p. m. sharp.

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Proprietor.

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