

for the good name of the Province abroad these charges of general corruption in Ontario politics were to be deplored. He added that the trial of election petitions disclosed the fact that there were only a few wrong-doers and in that very trial charges of corruption were brought against a man whose guilt, his lordship said, the petitioners, (the Whitney purists) had not even attempted to prove and whose innocence was manifest.

There is new evidence of the hypocrisy of the Whitney party. Mr. P. D. Ross of Ottawa has been posing as an independent man in politics. On Tuesday evening he accepted the nomination as candidate of the Conservative or Whitney Association. Of course he did so for the purpose of purifying public life and as an independent man. There are two facts to be set against this. First, Mr. Ross never drew an independent political breath in his life. He is and always was a strong Conservative. Second, owning and editing a daily paper, he has espoused the cause of some of the most corrupt men in public life. His paper has been a pretense, politically, for fifteen years, and Mr Ross goes into this election as a pretender. He knows that if his opponent is elected he will frown down anything in the nature of corruption just as quickly as Mr. P. D. Ross. Why then does he seek to place his opponent in the false position of being in alliance with corruption? The thing is so disgusting that we believe, if for no other reason, the electors will return the Ross government to power and administer a rebuke to suivelling hypocrisy.

Since writing the above, the speech of Mr. P. D. Ross in accepting nomination has been published. Among other things he said that politics in Ontario were in such a condition as to revolt any honest man, and to make of every man a Conservative. He spoke of "stealing votes, switching ballots, and importing foreign blackguards for election purposes."

In a recent editorial from Mr. P. D. Ross' gifted pen that candidate argued at great length to prove that the Conservative corruption in Ontario had taken place in federal and not provincial elections, and he contended that it was neither fair nor honest to try and shouder on Mr. Whitney the sins committed by Conservatives in federal elections.

The view of candidate Ross, however, that federal corruption should not be mentioned is not shared by his leader, Mr. Whitney, who, in his Cornwall speech, discussed the matter. In doing that he said that Sir Hector Langevin had been dismissed from the Conservative government "or a slight offence". Sir Hector connived at the stealing of millions of dollars from the taxpayers of this country and the leader of the "honest" and "pure" candidates is reported in candidate Ross' paper as describing it as a "slight" offence! Surely every honest man must be a Conservative. Mr. P. D. Ross starts his political career by insulting every Liberal in Ottawa and in Ontario.

His allusion to foreign blackguards is a hard crack at the Whitney organization which admitted importing men from Buffalo and placing them in the North York local election.