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An Open Confession

CANADA has long pointed the finger of scorn at the United States because of its electoral corruption. The Courier herewith presents to the United States an adequate reply to the goody-goodies of the Dominion. The following is a resolution which was recently presented and passed at a political convention in a Canadian constituency, in the presence of three ministers of the Crown:

"Resolution for Clean Elections.
"The resolution read by Dr. —
is as follows:

"Whereas, it has become notorious that during the federal by-election of 1902 and the federal general election of 1904, in the county of ——, the grossest forms of electoral corruption were systematically employed, particularly in the direct payment of money for votes, and the payment during election of prices far above the market value for cattle, horses and other farm products, of which in some cases delivery was never taken; and the payment of money to electors as alleged compensation for the time lost in going to the polls."

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"Whereas, it appears that there is a strong probability that such immoral, degrading and criminal practices may become a continuing custom in our federal elections, throwing the balance of power between the parties into the hands of the corruptible section of the electorate and giving the chances of success largely to the candidate with the longest purse, thus undermining the basic principles of representative institutions;

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"Whereas, this convention is convinced that the widespread and illegitimate use of money in the federal election of 1904 perverted the true judgment of this county on the public issues then before the public:

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of — entertains the greatest respect for the major portion of the — of the county, and has confidence in their desire to assist in remedying the evils above referred to;

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"That it appeals to the respectable and moral forces in all sections of the county to take active means to check and suppress the plague of electoral corruption, whose demoralising effects are a menace to representative government and to the growth of pure Canadian national sentiment;

"That the officers of the convention are hereby authorised to make such undertaking or agreement as may be possible with the representatives of the —— of the county, with the object of preventing the repetition of such violations of the Election Act and of prosecuting all breaches thereof that may become known."

Of course this resolution would not be accepted by every constituency in Canada, many of which are fairly honest and decent. Nevertheless, wherever a rich man is a candidate, including the constituency represented by Mr. H. B. Ames, much money is spent. Sometimes it is spent only on legitimate organisation, as in Mr. Ames' case; in others it is spent foolishly and corruptly. But it is spent. How to run elections with only

How to run elections with only legitimate expenditures and these not too high, is an unsolved problem.