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THE CLOVEN HOOF

Says the Ottawa Citizen:

On Aug. 23rd the petitions in the North Perth and Muskoka cases were filed at Osgoode Hall. The petition against Brown in North Perth included 124 charges, one of which was as follows:

"During the said election, or shortly before it, Hon. J. R. Stratton and Hon. G. W. Ross, agents of the respondent, sent Edward Cullen, of Toronto, baker, to Stratford to assist in the election. Mr. Cullen was instructed by Hon. Mr. Stratton and Premier Ross to call upon R. T. Harding, an agent of the respondent, and that the said Mr. Harding would instruct him what to do. Mr. Cullen received from him, the said Harding, or some other agent of the respondent, a large sum of money to be used in bribing, treating and corruptly influencing voters. The said Cullen did so spend a large sum."

There was a charge that Stratton provided the agent with money; also a charge against "Cap" Sullivan, Vance and Nelson of Buffalo which would necessitate the whole connection of the Ross Government "machine" being enquired into.

Of course the Government knew the nature of the charges in advance and as a set-off, Premier Ross had the following charge included in the petition against Mahaffy in Muskoka:

"Some time prior to the said polling day, the 27th day of October, 1903, J. P. Whitney, M. P. P., leader of the Conservative party in the Province of Ontario; Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, M. P. P., E. B. Osler, M. P., Dr. Pyne, M. P. P., E. B. Ryckman, J. W. Flavell, all of the city of Toronto, and other persons whose names are at present unknown to the petitioners, being members of a political association or organization, corruptly and illegally contributed and raised a fund or some money, under the guise of a "purity fund." This fund, the charge announces, was the source of the money corruptly used by the Conservative candidate in obtaining his election.

Immediately thereafter the Government press put on its best Pecksniffian air and proceeded to loudly deplore the dragging of the names of leading public men of both parties—mark this pathetic touch—into the mire of the election courts. Commenting on one of these Pecksniffian utterances on Aug. 26th the Citizen said:

The Toronto Star sheds a few crocodile tears over the fact that the names of Hon. G. W. Ross and Mr. Whitney are dragged into the protest trials. "One could expect that the leading men of both parties would become disgusted with the cross-fire of defamatory documents at Osgoode Hall," it remarks. The game of dragging Mr. Whitney's name in as a retaliation for the case against the head center of the notorious "machine" is too thin to deceive the public. Mr. Whitney can stand it if Mr. Ross can when the facts are aired in the courts. The Star's highly-hypocritical protest does not go this trip. Ross' work with the "machine" has long been known and the Conservatives hope to bring it home, much as the Star may deplore the fact. Mr. Whitney has never had a machine and the ringing in of his name as an offset to the Ross charges is a pure bluff.

Now let us see what has been the result. In North Perth when the case came on for trial as soon as the Conservatives proved the first charge of bribery by one bearing the alias-suggesting name of "John Collins," Mr. Aylesworth hastened to admit that the evidence was irrefutable and that the member petitioned against would accept judgment against himself without further demur. The court had, therefore, nothing to do but pronounce judgment, and the investigation of the charges against Premier Ross, Hon. Mr. Stratton and the members of the "machine" was thereby shut off.

Mark the contrast: On Wednesday and Thursday last the Muskoka case came on which included the charges against Mr. Whitney and other leading Conservatives involving the alleged "purity fund."

The charges were gone into thoroughly. The petitioners had absolutely no evidence to offer to support their allegations, on the contrary the evidence of Mr. E. B. Ryckman, treasurer of the Liberal-Conservative association, showed that the only sum for expenses, in addition to \$500 paid to the general organizers of the party, was \$1,250 paid to the local organizations by the central association and that it was expressly stipulated that these moneys should be spent only in a legitimate manner,—that it was a "purity" fund in fact as well



as in name. The court decided that the Conservatives had conducted a clean campaign in Muskoka, and Mr. Mahaffy was confirmed in his seat. The public is now in a position to contrast the methods and the men of both parties as they have been shown up in these proceedings. Premier Ross did not hesitate to try to besmirch Mr. Whitney and leading Conservatives by associating their names with alleged corrupt practices. They submitted to a thorough investigation and have been amply and completely vindicated. Not only does Mr. Mahaffy hold his seat, but the Conservative "purity" fund has been shown to be that in truth as well as name and the particular campaign in which a portion of it was used for legitimate expenses has been found by the court to be "a clean campaign."

In what manner did Premier Ross, Mr. Stratton and their "machine" meet the ordeal so openly and triumphantly faced by the Conservatives? Instead of submitting to an investigation of these charges in North Perth, the opportunity was seized to plead guilty to the first corrupt set proven involving some anonymous scoundrel masquerading under the name of "John Collins."

They accepted judgment and thus suppressed investigation of the charges against Ross, Stratton, "Cap" Sullivan, Vance and "Buffalo" Nelson. The British law rightly holds a man to be innocent until he is proven guilty. But when public men, ministers of the crown, are charged in the courts with specific acts of corruption, public opinion demands that they meet the charges and clear themselves. They are not in the category of ordinary persons, and in the face of the manner in which the Conservatives met their counter charges in Muskoka, an equal or greater onus rested on Ross et al, to do likewise. No honorable man can afford under such circumstances to claim even the ambiguous Scotch verdict of "Not proven," because no opportunity was even allowed to furnish proof, much less to hear a defence.

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TO-NIGHT.

Allan Villair at Grand Opera House
at 8.15.
Prayer meeting, city churches, at 8 o'clock.

Court Hope, No. 6244, A. O. F., in the A. O. U. W. Hall, at 8.

Local Briers

Briscoe's bicycle repairs and livery.
W. C. White, of Blenheim, was in the city Monday.

Change in the City of Chatham Time. See advt.

H. Winters, of Blenheim, spent yesterday in town.

Mahler Bros. are advertising for hands. See Want Column.

E. H. Morse, of Wallaceburg, was in the city Monday.

N. A. Gibb, of Wallaceburg, spent Monday in the city.

Myles McCarron, of Wallaceburg, spent Monday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thompson, of Blenheim, spend Monday in the city.

Bert Muckle is home from Montana on a visit to his father, Jos. Muckle, Harwich.

Misses Eva and Anna Jeffries, of London, were guests at the Garner House Monday.

T. Jacques, of Toronto, will be at Gray's carriage factory Saturday next to buy horses.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Ave. Green Houses, Phone 181.

Mr. L. Leatherdale, of Windsor, has returned home, after visiting her mother, Mrs. Capman, Delaware Ave.

The Misses Edmondson, Head street, have returned from their holiday trip to Detroit and other Western points.

Mrs. Will Singer, of Vinehurst, is spending a few days in Sarnia the guest of her brother, Walter A. Thrasher.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Denholm, of Blenheim, were Chatham visitors yesterday. Mr. Denholm attended the Presbyterian meeting.

Jerald Waddell returned Monday to Montreal, where he will resume his studies in McGill University. He went by boat from Detroit.

Arthur Pickering has returned from Dresden, where he has been managing the A. I. McCall branch store during the past week.

A meeting of the Tecumseh Lacrosse Club was held Monday evening, when it was decided to have the club's books audited, so that a financial statement can be published.

The Park St. Epworth League met Monday evening, with Dr. A. A. Hicks in the chair. There was a good attendance. Miss Ida Galloway took the lesson, Rev. Mr. MacGillivray and Rev. Mr. Cobbleclaw gave addresses, and Horace Davis and Jasper Wilson sang.

I. H. Clark, superintendent of the Massillon Stone and Firebrick Co., Massillon, Ohio, is in the city on business. Mr. Clark is with him. Mr. Clark is much taken with the Maple City and its shade trees. He says it is the prettiest city of its size he has ever seen.

Ward Stanworth has returned from a pleasant trip to his old home in the cities of Blackburn and Burnley, England. He also visited Paris and London. Mr. Stanworth noticed a wonderful improvement in Blackburn, especially in the streets. They have been extensively paved. The houses, too, are more comfortable, though a great economy of land is shown in their building. The pavement most popular is the one now laid on William street along by Tecumseh Park. That is the cedar blocks chemically treated. The Chaps Elyses, the great street in Paris, was being paved in this way. They were apparently laying the blocks on cement without the sand cushion. The Strand, London, and part of Prince street, Edinburgh, are also laid with the same pavement.

The roads throughout England are unexcelled. Since the Country Council Act was passed and the roads handed over to the County Councils, they have been taken exceptional care of. The roads all over England are now in splendid shape.

The hay crop was being taken off while Mr. Stanworth was in England and he made enquiries as to wages paid. Laborers came over from Ireland to do this work; they were paid a crown a day, which is about 62 cents, slept in the barn, and found their own meat.

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THE STAGE

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A fair sized audience greeted the Allan Villair and Pearl Lewis Co. at the Grand last night to witness Mr. Villair's favorite drama, "Heart of Texas." The play was well staged, special scenery being used. Every member of the cast took their parts well. This was only Mr. Villair's second appearance here, but he has already distinguished himself as an artist in his profession, both in acting and in surrounding himself with a company of such standard artists. To-night the play will be "Woman Against Woman." This is a drama which is entirely new to the Chatham theatre-goers, and when produced by company of Mr. Villair's calibre, is bound to please. On Saturday afternoon a children's matinee will be put on, and on Friday night an amateur contest will be given. Prizes for the contest are now displayed in Mr. Lalley's jewelry store window.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At Chatham Grand.
Allan Villair—Sept. 12-17.
Mack & Armour's Comedians—Sept. 19-21.
Geo. F. Hall in "A Ragged Hero"—Sept. 28-29.
Real Widow Brown—Oct. 1st.
Princess Chick—Oct. 4.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

COMING ATTRACTION.

Mack & Armour's Comedians, which will appear at the Grand for a three night's engagement, commencing on Monday, Sept. 19th, is one of the best popular priced attractions touring the country this season. In some sections of the country the above named company is a household word, and the simple announcement of their coming serves to pack the theatres to the doors. Acting upon the belief that nothing is too good for the public, Manager Fissie this season has carried special scenery for each and several strong vaudeville artists, and when they have appeared shows the wisdom of this move. Press and public have been unanimous in their praise, and have declared Mack & Armour's Comedians to be one of the best popular priced organizations on the road. Their opening bill will be the four act comedy-drama entitled "A Loyal Friend." The play is worthy the patronage of all.

Prices 10-20-30 cents. Ladies free Monday night only, if accompanied by an escort with one paid 30 cent ticket.

OFFICERS MEET

A meeting of the officers of the 24th Regiment was held in the orderly room last Monday evening. There were present: Lt.-Col. Rankin, Major Massey, Adj. Col. Rankin, Capt. McLaren, Black and Stone, Quartermaster G. W. Cornell, Lieut. Fraser, Smith, Lewis and Tye, Bugle-Major Plummeridge and Bandmaster W. H. Walker.

The plans for the new armories were revised. The foundation of stone and concrete will be started this fall. The officers are looking for new quarters for the bands.

It was decided to give a military tattoo at the Peninsula Fair, providing arrangements can be made with the directors of the Fair. J. S. Turner, Bugle-Major Plummeridge and Bandmaster Walker were appointed a committee to interview the Fair directors.

BALCONY CONCERT

A very enjoyable band concert was presented from the balcony of the Hotel Rankin last night by the Citizens' Band. There was a good attendance of spectators, who were liberal in their applause. The program generally was a very good one, but the numbers which found particular favor were the excellent solos of Roger Philp, the clever young trombone virtuoso, who played in grand style "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," and as an encore "Romance," and the rendition of the beautiful Flower Song in "Hearts and Flowers."

Many well-deserved encores were passed on Roger Philp. He is indeed a phenomenally brilliant trombone soloist.

The full program was as follows: March, "The Newsboy," Sutton. Concert Waltzes, "Golden Sunset," Hall.

Arabian Dance, "Echoes of Arabian Song," Kair.

March, "Hello, Bill," Scouton.

Waltz, "Hearts Courageous," Binkie.

Prize March, "Victorious America," Tobani.

Flower Song, "Hearts and Flowers," Tobani.

Trombone Solo, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," with variations, Roger Philp.

March, "The Kilties Band," Morris.

TILBURY

Judge Bell held court yesterday to revise the village voters' list. Most of the appeals on each side were allowed and the parties break pretty even.

Large numbers are leaving daily for the Western Fair at London.

Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Wren leave this morning on a visit to London.

D. B. Edmonds left yesterday for London.

Complaints are being made of the inefficient street lighting service.

The infant child of Fred Morris died Monday morning, the funeral taking place yesterday at McDowell's cemetery.

Miss Mary Adams leaves to-morrow on a month's visit with relatives at Maplewood.

Local sports are quite excited over the new regulation altogether prohibiting quail shooting this season.

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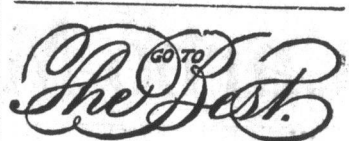
Separate or bulk tenders will be received until Wednesday, the 14th inst., for the erection of a large Warehouse, at the rear of Geo. Stephens & Co.'s Store, City Plains and specifications may be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley & Son, Architects. Tenders to be addressed to Geo. Stephens & Co., and left at the office of the Architect. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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