

Attorney-General Campbell's Commission.

A piercing light flashes through the storm of turbulence with which Mr. Roblin of Manitoba is aiding Mr. Borden in beclouding the real issues of the campaign. That flash of light startled the people of Manitoba when Mr. Pritchard exposed before the Insurance Commission the extortion of a \$1,000 rake-off by Mr. Roblin's colleague, Attorney-General Campbell. The evidence is interesting indeed at a time when the Conservative Premier of Manitoba is arrogating all the virtues for himself and his party friends in that Province. The attributes of Mr. Borden's chief lieutenant, Mr. Foster, are also illumined by the same flashlight. Here is the revelation:—

Mr. Pritchard explained to the Commission that he had effected a sale of 40,000 acres of land belonging to the Ontario and Western Land Company (of which Mr. Campbell was president), his reward being a commission of 25 cents an acre. Half of this \$10,000 he turned over to Geo. E. Foster, manager of the Union Trust, and his adventures with regard to the remaining \$5,000 he thus recounted, in his cross-examination by Mr. Shepley:

"Did you make a proposition about this to Foster?"

"Yes, I wrote him, offering to divide the commission. I said I would split it in two."

"That left \$5,000 to you and \$5,000 to Foster?"

"It left \$5,000."

"Why don't you say yes? Was there something that was not for yourself?"

"Well, there was something that I did not get."

"What did you not get?"

"Well, Mr. Campbell—"

"What Campbell?"

"The Attorney-General. He thought that he had had a good deal of trouble over these lands in one way and another, and he ought to come in for \$1,000, so I finally consented to let him have that amount."

"You say that Mr. Campbell, who was the president of the selling company?"