

tario the political strength, statesmanship, and fixed honesty of purpose that are at their service when the Province improves its political opportunity."

A Second Epistle from Rev. D. C. Hossack.

"The Rev. D. C. Hossack, as an Independent in politics, wrote a letter during the campaign of 1905 that was used to great advantage by the Whitney campaigners. Mr. Hossack, like thousands of other Independents and Liberals who favored a change of Government in 1905, has since learned that the Hon. James Pliny Whitney is a politician and not a statesman. Mr. Hossack has written another letter, which is published in this issue. It is well worth reading. Some of the points Mr. Hossack makes are as follows:

" 'On January 24, 1905, Mr. Whitney made a public appeal for aid, and declared that should his future conduct not be approved, the people might withdraw their confidence. Does Mr. Whitney feel that he has lost public confidence? He has so arranged many constituencies by hiving Liberals that the withdrawal of Liberal confidence will not affect the standing of the parties in the Legislature. On January 26, 1905, Mr. Whitney published his "glad appreciation" of the fact that "Liberals in large numbers" supported him. In 1908, apparently with the expectation of losing Liberal support, Mr. Whitney's appreciation is expressed by hiving the Liberals. There were a grim humor in the situation did it not savor so strongly of the very ordinary, commonplace and tricky politician.'

" 'When the Government passed the three-fifths clause of the local option act they were guilty of reactionary legislation. Ever since Ontario became a Province the majority in a municipality has had the right to decide upon the granting of licenses. These rights were firmly established and founded upon a sense of British justice and equality. Why have the Government tampered with them?'

" 'A Judge only a few days ago declined to hear a case in which his son-in-law was a witness. In the La Rose case the brother-in-law of one of the Ministers was a claimant, and \$130,000 was given to him and his associates. The explanation is that the recipients of this large sum furnished valuable information to the Government. What was the information? The people paid for it and should know what it is.'