

# THE NECESSITY FOR A CHANGE

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## A Government that Has Tampered with the Ballot-Box and with the Con- stitution Must Go

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The tenth General Election of members to the Legislature of Ontario is close at hand, and the electors must decide into whose hands the affairs of this great Province shall be committed during the next four years. It is now generally known and believed that if the election machinery had been fairly administered at the last contest in 1898, and if the ballots had been honestly counted, there would have been a change of Government. There is to-day no sort of doubt in the mind of any intelligent man that the popular will in 1898 decided that "it was time for a change." The Government that pulled through in 1898 by methods which no honest Liberal cares to defend, is far weaker in 1902 than it was then. Independent men of both parties are convinced even more strongly than ever that "it is time for a change." The result rests with the electors.

### The Opposition Position

The Opposition, led by Mr. J. P. Whitney, a clean, honorable and straightforward public man, appeal with confidence to the best judgment of Ontario. Long and unjust exclusion from power has never caused the Opposition to lose confidence in their own Province, to decry its prosperity, or to neglect its interests.

They have vigilantly guarded popular rights.

They have from time to time offered measures and suggestions for bettering the administration of affairs, and for remedying the crying evils that a set of politicians long in office have failed to correct.

There is not a branch of Provincial Administration in which they have not a distinct and business-like policy.

Their ideas and proposals on such great subjects as the Progress and Development of Agriculture, the adoption of Manhood Franchise, the building up of our Lumber Industries, and other matters, have been appropriated (usually in the wrong way) by the shallow, time-serving politicians now clinging to office, and palmed off as their own.

The Opposition have never ceased to raise a warning voice against the unnecessary increase of direct taxation, the inaccurate and misleading presentation of our finances in the official records, the wasteful mismanagement of our resources, and, particularly, during the past four years, the dangerous violation of both spirit and letter of the constitution.

There is not a parliamentary Opposition in any portion of the British Empire, which has shown a better spirit under undeserved and dishonest defeat, not one which has had to fight methods so glaringly unfair or so deliberately subversive of every right principle of Government.

They appeal to the electors of Ontario for British fair play. They stand for honesty, economy, and enterprise in public affairs. and they are satisfied that the public conscience is fully aroused and will respond to their appeal.

### The Government Record

What is the record of the Government now asking for another term?

They have been 30 years in office. Their lease of power has been so long