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LET US HAVE CLEANNES

The disclosures of crookedness in connection with the municipal elections in Toronto are nothing short of nauseating, comments the St. Thomas Times. The revelations of fraud in connection with Ontario political elections were bad enough in all conscience, and it was not thought possible that ballot stuffing would be resorted to in municipal elections. There are ways of making membership in the legislature profitable, hence a dishonest man—a grafter—would make strenuous exertions to gain a seat in order to profit by the "good things" that are going. It should not be so, but it is so. Men should be honest, but they will not.

The shame brought upon the Province by election frauds was bad enough; the disgrace developed in Toronto municipal matters adds much humiliation. Ex-Mayor Howland asserted that a system of Bossism was developing in Toronto, and was vigorously denounced by the press for so saying. The aftermath of the elections shows that he was not astray. People will wonder wherein is the "graft" in educational matters in Toronto. What is there in the office of Controller that should make the crooks of the city struggle so vigorously for places on the board. We say crooks, for no honest man would stoop to disreputable tactics to get what there is in the salary attached to the position. A few years ago Rev. J. T. Morris, in McCaul street Methodist Church, denounced the rake-off system in allotting civic contracts, and an under-official, a member of Mr. Morris' congregation stood up in his pew and flatly contradicted the clergyman, causing a sensation throughout the entire city. Legal proceedings were threatened against the clergyman and for a few weeks there was a lively flutter in Methodist circles, but by some mysterious influence the whole thing was quieted down. The dog-tag contractor was a good Methodist, and it was his department that was hit. His lawyer was a Methodist, and it looked as though the Methodists combined to smooth the matter over.

Now this affair has been sprung upon the public and action has been taken by the Crown authorities. The honest element of the electorate is aroused and there will be some uncomfortable days and nights for certain people.

Politics, both state and municipal, have been too much degraded already. The best men of our cities and rural districts refuse to have their names mixed up with "the dirty game," as they term it. This is not as it should be. We ought to have our cleanest, best men handling the affairs of government and dispensing the money paid by the people for honest administration of public business. This municipal rascality in Toronto has no political significance so far as has been shown. Grits and Tories and muggumps are in it. But no matter who is concerned in it, the disgraceful doings in connection with elections should cease. The candidate for public favor should understand that no shady transactions will be allowed to pass. It will not be a valid excuse for a Grit to say a Tory has done wickedly, or for a Tory to say a Grit has betrayed his trust. If balloting systems are to be used to degrade and debauch the electors the old system of open voting should be again resorted to. If it be true that men cannot be found who will be square without watching, then let them be watched, and let the barricades be torn down so that they will be in the open, the more easily to be watched.

A "RETIRING" GOVERNMENT.

It is feared that the people of Ontario do not sufficiently appreciate the sacrifices which are being made in their behalf by some of the noble men who are standing by the Hon. G. W. Ross in this hour of his deepest trial. Possibly even Mr. Ross does not appreciate it; for he never mentions it. But the afore-said "noble men" do appreciate it to the full. They know, because they mention it; they publicly confess their "nobility"; they step right into the limelight and purpose for the edification of generations yet unborn.

Attorney-general Gibson closed his speech on the address with a few modest self-economies of this character. He announced that he, "for one," would be glad to be relieved of the cares of office," and gave it as his

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opinion that "there is not a member of the government who would not be similarly relieved." Not even the retiring Stratton. "But no matter how much we may be inclined to do so, I for one," he declared, "refuse to be bulldozed out, blackguarded out. We might be willing to go out, and the Liberal party might be ready to retire into opposition for a term, but not under such compulsion as is being attempted by the tactics of the Opposition."

Ah! there is where the Opposition is making its mistake. It is trying to "compel" the government to retire from office. But that is never the way to secure the retirement of high-spirited gentlemen like those who surround Mr. Ross. They are not to be "driven" from any position. Far from it! But if the Opposition would only discontinue its wish, and pretend it desired nothing so much as that the Ross ministry might go on governing the province indefinitely, and vote always for Ross candidates, why then these "weary Titans" would be quite "ready to retire into Opposition for a term," and get that rest from public responsibilities which they all so ardently crave.

This policy would be especially effective with the Attorney-General. He tells us so himself. "Perhaps no member of the government has had greater inducements to retire from the government than I have had," he said "but I have refused to desert my leader under the circumstances. And when I go it will be when my retirement will not hurt my leader politically, or his government. I regret that the methods of the opposition seem to be that this government should be hounded out of existence."

It would be interesting to know what these "great inducements" to retire were. There will be people who will imagine that the Federal Government must have offered Ross' Attorney-General something—possibly a judgeship; and some of the most evil-minded of these persons will imagine that the Federal Government did this with a willingness that the Ross Government might

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collapse and so get off its back in Ontario. However, whatever the inducements, they failed. Mr. Gibson will never desert McEwen. He will stand by Ross until he can go without hurting him on his Government. This last implies that it is not so much as "term in Opposition" that Mr. Gibson wants for himself as a seat in some sure and comfortable office. The "term in Opposition" he would be willing to see enjoyed by his colleagues.

But this is all delayed because the Opposition will keep on fighting. If they would only cease firing, the citadel would surrender. Even Mr. Davis, long for retirement—he paid \$600 cash for "peace" in North York—but how can he retire when the wicked Opposition openly oppose him. When he retires, it must be with a weeping province kneeling at his feet and begging him to remain. Possibly Stratton wants to retire. It must have pained him mightily to learn that that fellow Gage was going to vote Liberal and so had him to office for another term. If he could have done so, he would have given Gage anything to remain Conservative; but he was too pure to tamper with the convictions of the member from Manitoulin.

As for the "machine" nothing could be more retiring than it is. It never appears in public if it can possibly avoid it. Sometimes the callous minions of the courts of law drag it into an unwelcome publicity; but it does not seek to have its deeds so known of men. Shyness and a love of twilight are the outstanding characteristics of the entire Ross combination. Possibly one of these days the courts and the people combined will put them out of their misery.—Montreal Star.

COUNTY COUNCIL

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The county council resumed after dinner. It was moved by Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Hernal that the committee appointed to adjust matters referred to them in 1903 in reference to settling affairs between our late treasurer and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, be re-appointed for 1904, with the power that was given them in the former resolution.

John Grant for the special committee appointed to consider the grievance of Ed. Crow re the obstruction of Jeanette's Creek, by the Canadian Pacific Railway reported that they are advised that the county's indemnity to the railway company ceased at the expiration of ten years from the date of the agreement and that this county is not liable for any obstruction to the creek by the railway company.

Your committee, however, have instructed the county solicitor to notify and call the attention of the C. P. R. Co. to the improper obstruction of the creek and to require the company to take immediate steps to remove these obstructions.

W. J. Cryderman and S. D. McCully were appointed auditors.
H. C. Macdonald, John Welsh and W. F. Robertson were also appoints.
Dr. Bell, Merlin, was appointed the county's representative to the C. C. I. Board, and R. L. Gosnell was appointed to the Ridgeway C. I. Board.

The by-law to amend the House of Refuge By-law, the by-law confirming grants for January, 1904, the by-law appointing County officers, and the current expense by-law were all finally passed.

The council then adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday in June, the seventh of the month.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

TILBURY

Jan. 30.—Fred. Palmer, of Moose Jaw, N. W. T., was the guest of his cousin, J. R. Palmer, this week.
Rev. Mr. Livingstone, of Amherstburg, will preach to-morrow in the Presbyterian church here. The morning service will be for children, and in the evening a special sermon will be delivered to young men.
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