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Toronto, March 12.-When the Onnoon the galleries were packed, for a statement was expected from the Premier in regard to the grave

bers of the Government by Mr. R. R Gamey, the member for Manitoulin for in addition to a statement by the Premier, a fighting speech was made

JOHN LEE SHAKES HANDS.

The members of the House gathered n by twos and threes, bit it was nearly 30 minutes past the hour for opening before a member of the Government appeared. "I wonder will Stratton be in his seat to-day," said an interested spectator, and even as he spoke the Provincial Secretary advanced to his desk, followed at short intervals by his colleagues. Stratton smiled affably at his fellowmembers and his glance was as clear and unclouded as that of a man at peace with all the world. Wm. C. Caldwell, of North Lanark, came to Mr. Stratton's side, shook him by the hand, and sat down by him, conversing earnestly with him for several minutes, Sturdy John Lee, of East Kent, also approached, shook the Secretary's hand, and spoke in low tones to him for a brief period. The Premier went at once to his own seat. There was no smile on his face, and The other Ministers moved from one desk to another until the Speaker's voice called them to their places, where they stood with reverent mien while prayer was read.

Premier Ross moved that a Comission of High Court Judges be appointed to hold an investigation immediately, and that the House adjourn for three weeks, by which time t was expected the Commission would be ready to report.

THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

There was a pause after prayers. and then Hon. G. W. Ross rose. He the orders of the day to refer for a few moments to the matter that had vious day by the member for Manitoulin. The charges made by that gentleman were of a most serious character. He had stated to the House yesterday that his colleagues, the Provincial Secretary, denied these charges in toto, particularly that portion which was of a serious and corrupt character. He fully believed the state ment of his colleagues. He had un bounded confidence in his honor, in his bounded confidence in his honor, in his integrity and in his fidelity to his oath of office. In the long time that Mr. Stratton had been known to himself and colleagues, they had found him trustworthy, and they did not believe he was capable of betraying that trust. "We do not," he continued, "believe he has betrayed that trust, not withstanding the grave and serious charges made against him by the member for Manitoulin. But that is not a sufficient answer to these charges. In the interests of the Government, in his own interests, in the interests of the honor and dignity of this House, we cannot for one moninterests of the honor and dignity of this House, we cannot for one monent permit these charges to stand without investigation, and we propose to have that investigation. I informed His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor last evening that these charges had been made, and that they would be investigated. The Government propose to proceed immediately with that investigation, consistent with the interests of justice, and with such facilities for examination as circumstances will warrant. We propose to proceed by

A ROYAL COMMISSION.

We think that there would be delay if the charges were referred to a committee of the House, and we do not want delay. We think a Commission of Judges of the High Court will be more satisfactory to all parties concerned. The committee on Elections and Privileges would necessarily be composed of a majority of supporters of the Government, and any special committee would be similarly composed. Should their finding exculpate the Provincial Secretary, it would be said that it was a partisan finding. Those who are prone to believe the charges against the Government would disbelieve the finding of the committee, and instead of settling the matter it would have the opposite effect. On the other hand, judicial decisions in this country are received We think that there would be delay if feet. On the other hand, judicial decisions in this country are received with a great deal of confidence. Seldom even have election courts displayed partisanship. We are but following the precedents in appointing a Judicial Commission. The reference by the Dominion House of the charges respecting the Pacific Railway to a Commission in 1884, when charges made against certain people of attempting to corrupt members of the Legislature were made they were referred first to the Committee on Elections, but they were afterwards transferred to a Committee of Judges.

MEMBER FOR SOUTH OXFORD MAKES MORE REVELATIONS

Attempts to Bribe him by Three Prominent Liberals-Exposures by Dr. Reaume Likely to Follow.

Ross Proposes Commission of Judges and Adjournment Whitney's Strong Speech.

Accused Ministers Desire to Appoint Court to Try Them-Object of Adjournment Exposed.

Three Ministers Besides Stratton now Implicated—Government Tottering to its Fall in Leep Disgrace.

(With apologies to Manager Laurie, of the Bell Telephone Co.)

"Yes, Central, we called. Give us the Walker House, Toronto, in

"Hello? Walker House? Mr. Gamey there? Call him to the

"Glad to speak with you, sir. Congratulations! Who? Why The

"What's that? Oh, yes, yes-'Great Home Journal,' is quite right

"What's that? It was The Planet's doubting and criticism that hurt you most of all? That's too bad—and such a misunderstanding."

quite right, of course, if an inkling had got in the Great Home

Journal it would have been read all over the Dominion. Quite true,

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is obliged to accept responsibility for | fact that spectators were applauding.

"So it seems that the decision is

"So it seems that the decision is that the accused are to choose their own tribunal," was Mr. Whitney's forceful opening remark. "They have been accused before this house, and before the country of matters so grave that they may not be lightly or hastily

You would have liked to have talked it over with The Planet? Wished you had its advice? Very kind of you to say so. Oh yes,

Nearly all the people in the Province speak of us by that name."

the member for Manitoulin has made these charges

ON HIS RESPONSIBILITY AS A

of this House, and that the papers he left in the hands of his leader, or alleged leader, yesterday, are avail-able. I suppose I am right, Mr.

Speaker.
There was a pause, and the Premier

repeated his question to Mr. Whitney, who turned to Mr. Gamey.

"Let me say to the hon, the Premier," said Mr. Gamey, jumping up, "that I made my statement yesterday, and when I have anything further to

Br-r-r-bing!

"Hello? Mr. Gamey?"

prove them. It is the position we will prove them. It is the position we will put the hon member for Manitoulin in as speedily as possible. "I am going to move, then, for the appointment of a Commission, and that the House

ADJOURN FOR THREE WEEKS,

we've been saying about you lately."

Now, I may assume, I suppose, that he member for Manitoulin has made by Mr. Gamey, and that the House adjourn for three weeks." The motion in 1884.
"I hope, Mr. Speaker, the House will

approve of the resolution so that we can proceed with this investigation without delay," concluded Mr. Ross. SPECTATORS APPLAUD WHITNEY.

The Premier resumed his seat amid dead silence from the ranks of the Liberals. The stillness was broken as the leader of the Opposition rose to reply, his supporters applauding him vigorously. The enthusiasm spread to say in this House I shall stand up to say it."

Mr. Ross—The hon. gentleman cannot escape in that way. He has made statements, and if he is not willing to accept the responsibility for them we will see that in some other way he

"We all know," said Mr. Whitney, mearcastic tones, "now the honorable Attorney-General has so perfected the machinery of the law that no guilty man may escape. It is well known that no man accused of crime, and particularly of wrong-doing in confinetion with the bullots of the people, have according to the people, the confined to the people, and wrighten the confined to the people. of the law, perfected with such 'care and precision by the Attorney-General that they will work themselves some injury? The honorable Provincial Secretary has, I know, some peculiar ideas with regard to myself, but I want to say in all possible fairness that it was not fair to the Premeer o refer to the Provincial Secretary as to refer to the Provincial Secretary as the accused member. He is only one of the accused members. He is en-titled to at least this credit, that his denial has been heard. The Attorney-General, the Minister of Public Works, and the Premier, are

ALSO IMPLICATED AND CHARGED but the Provincial Secretary is the only one who has denied the charges. The Minister of Public Works cam surely have no possible denial to the charge that he had a guilty knowledge of the fact that the honorable member

or the fact that the generated member for Manitoulin was being unduly influenced to support the government."

Mr. Latchford rose in his place, and his voice was shaking with anger, "I want to deny that here and now," he

"The honorable gentleman has interrupted me," said Mr. Whitney. "He should watt till I have finished." "I beg the honorable gentleman's pardon," said Mr. Latchford, as he

sat down.

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Mr. Whitney then read Mr. Latchford's letter to Mr. Gamey, acknowledging receipt of the latter's list of desired road appropriations.

"I take this as a proof that the honorable gentleman knew that the member for Manitonity was not wrige to

ber for Manitoulin was not going to vote as a straight Conservative; or he would not be receiving such favorable condition for his road grants. We all know that larger grants are made to the constituencies of government supporters than to those of Opposition members.

"But I will go on to a more important member of the government," continued Mr. Whitney. He read extracts from Mr. Gamey's statement that he had been given by Stratton a letter which he was to sign and mail to Hon. G. W. Ross. He

MAILED THE LETTER TO ROSS, but altered it first, and when he was out aftered it first, and when he was next in Toronto Stratton asked him why he had altered the letter? "What letter?" went on Mr. Whitney. "The letter that was mailed to the Hon. G. W. Ross. How did Mr. Stratton kmow it was altered—Applause—unless, "Oh, thank you very much, indeed. We hope to deserve it more and more. But we just called up to take back all the mean things." the person to whom it was addressed of some other person had shown it to him, and shown him that there were alterations?

Proceeding, the Opposition leader repeated that Mr. Stratton was the repeated that Mr. Stratton was the only member of the Government who had yet denied the charges of the member from Manitoulin. It might be possible that the Premier was ignorant of all the goings on up to a certain point, but did he not know something of them? He (the speaker) would say in confidence that all reasonable men would agree with him when he said that the accused would find it necessary to make their defence include not only the Provincial Secretary, but three other members of the Government, and the very idea of these gentlemen presuming to name their own it was just as well to keep silence at that time."

"Yes, we regret we misunderstood your course and spoke so prematurely, but—beg pardon? What's that? Hamilton Spectator man maturely, but—beg pardon? What's that? Hamilton spectator and maturely, but—beg pardon? What's that? Hamilton spectator wants you? Just called you up? Oh, yes, certainly, just let Brer wants you? Just called you up? Oh, yes, certainly, just let Brer wants you? tlemen presuming to name their own judges, would, if it were not such a serious matter, provoke laughter, Premier Ross wanted the question considered at once, and in the meantime proposes to make the Legislature proposes them. We shall not allow any member of this House to make charges against other members without put ting him in the position to prove these charges, or showing that he cannot harges, or showing that he cannot have been considered to the special or the special o ture powerless-MR WHITNEY HAS THE FLOOR.

EMASCULATE THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE

of the Province of Ontario. What rea of the Province of Ontario. What reason could be given for asking for an adjournment except that the Government did not date, for some time at least, face the House?

Mr. Whitney, continuing, argued that the investigation should be conducted by the House, and showed that the scandal of 1884 was referred to the conductions of the conductions and only heavy states of the conductions.

ADJOURN FOR THREE WEEKS, pending the investigation and the report of the Commissioners. I do not think that either side of the House can comfortably go on with business while an investigation of this kind is being held. Secondly, I do not think the members of the Government, having their personal honor at sake, can give their attention to public business while an investigation is going on. We do not think that we should go on with public business while such a cloud rests over us. We want to say to this House and to this country that unless our character is above suspicion we do not want longer to govern this country. Liberal applause. If we are guilty of these charges we are unworthy to sit here and sak the hon. gentlemen of these charges we are unworthy to sit here and sak the hon. gentlemen of these charges we are unworthy to sit here and sak the hon. gentlemen of these charges we are unworthy to sit here and sak the hon. gentlemen of the worth of the will be wilking to further condone their actions without protesting against this further outrage upon propriety. We are also told that it is to be a state prosecution forgoothl tis a state prosecution, practically—the state is bound to provide for having the prosecution complete in all its details. We think that within three weeks the examination can be concluded, and the report returned to His Honor."

The Premier then moved that "two judges of the High Court be appoint-

the scandal of 1884 was referred to the committee on elections; and only because there was not time to conclude the enquiry before the House adjourned was it subsequently transferred to a judicial committee. Mr. Whitney read a number of quotations regarding this investigation, and that concerning the Pacific scandal, in which Mr. Ross himself had strongly argued in favor of the House exercising itself the right to investigate.

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Again Mr. Whitney demanded to know why the Legislature should be banished for three weeks at the request of the Premier, who, whatever he chose to do, rested confident in the immunity from punishment he had hitherto enjoyed, but he did mot propose to allow Mr. Ross to bulldoze the House on this occasion, and wished that to be distinctly understood. If he could prevent it he would not allow an adjournment. Anything might happen, from lareeny to murder, during the investigation into Mr. Gamey's charges, and the House would be emasculated. If, for instance, some staftling evidence were brought out during the hearing, nothing could be.

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